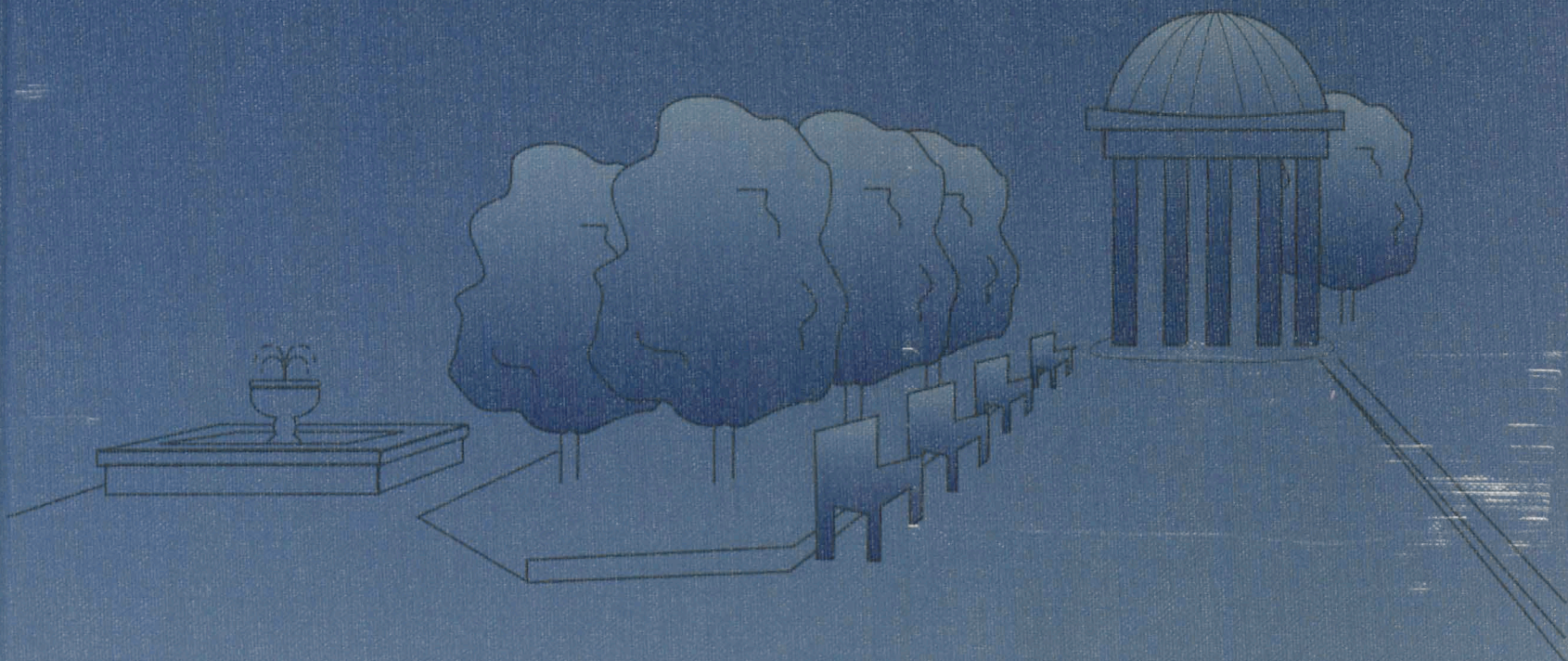


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Always Growing

Grow. Develop. Bloom. Expand. Advance. Rise. No matter how you say it, growth is all around us. Just as spring comes and the long missed warmth returns, flowers bloom and the cherry blossoms come alive again. This may be the simplest and most predictable version, the first thing that comes to mind when we imagine what it is to grow. We know it will happen.

Most growth is not so annual and predictable, but we still know it is coming. The growth of GW's campus is a great example of this. We know that the university will keep growing, but we can not tell how fast or exactly which direction it will move. There was some predictable growth this year with the opening of the beautiful new Science and Engineering Hall that has been under construction since most of the undergraduate students have been here. In addition to SEH, we also saw the School of Public Health and the George Washington University Museum and Textile Museum open this year. Less predictably, GW acquired the Corcoran School of Art, pushing our campus even further than we could have foreseen. GW has made huge growth this year, both in physical size and accomplishments.

Some growth, however, is less noticeable. We do not see it coming or realize as it happens, but we certainly notice. We enter college, not knowing entirely what we want to do or who we will become. We meet new people, make new friends, and find new interests. Our relationships with both the people we meet and with the world around us grow and teach us new lessons. We spend these four years at university growing to become stronger, smarter, and kinder people. Embracing this growth and change is important.

Whether you are an underclassman with another year at GW awaiting you or a graduating senior off to conquer the world, you have been surrounded by growth not just here at GW but for your entire lifetime. It is essential to recognize it and keep growing. Good luck to all of the underclassmen here at GW and especially to the class of 2015. Keep growing.











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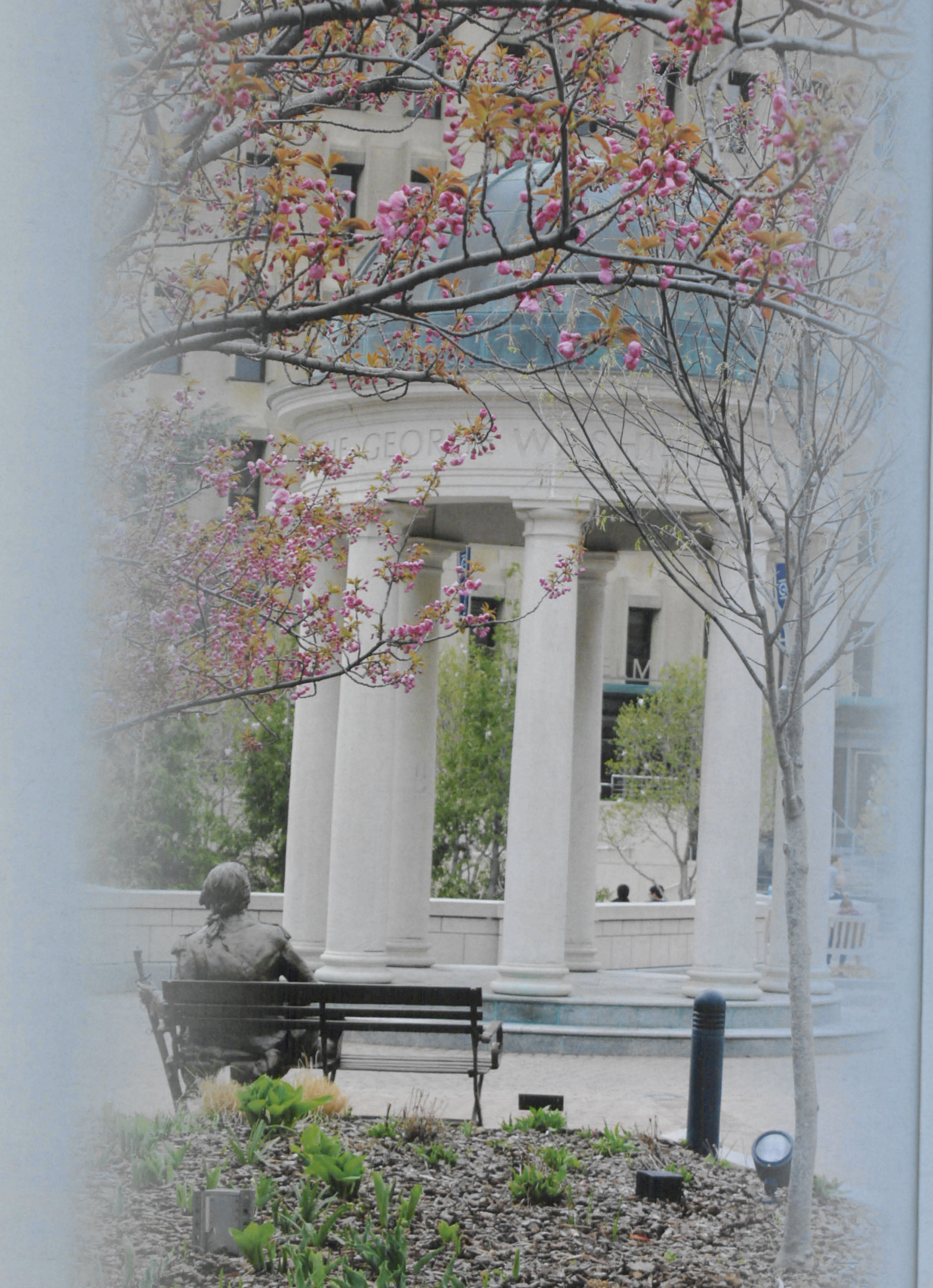
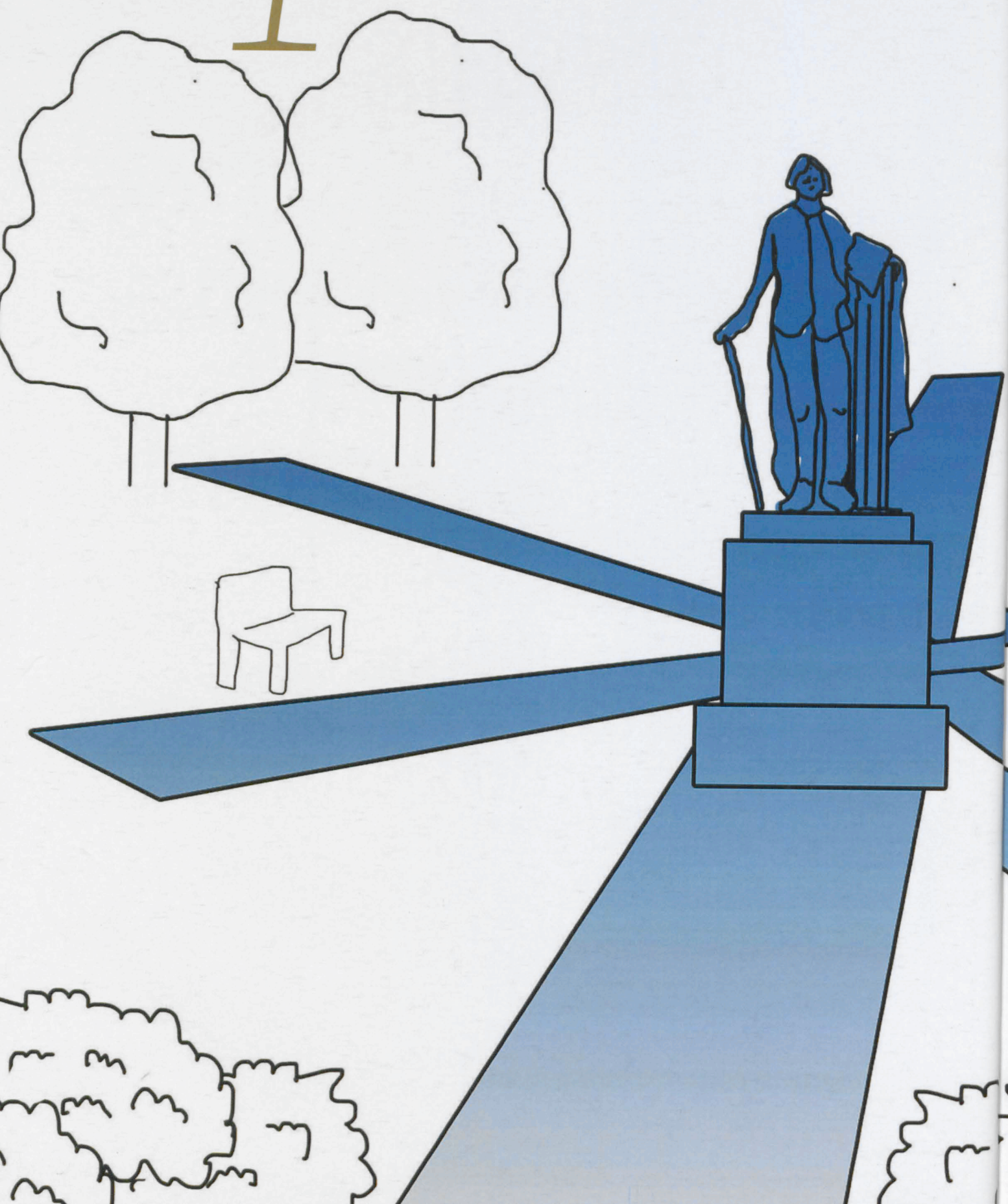
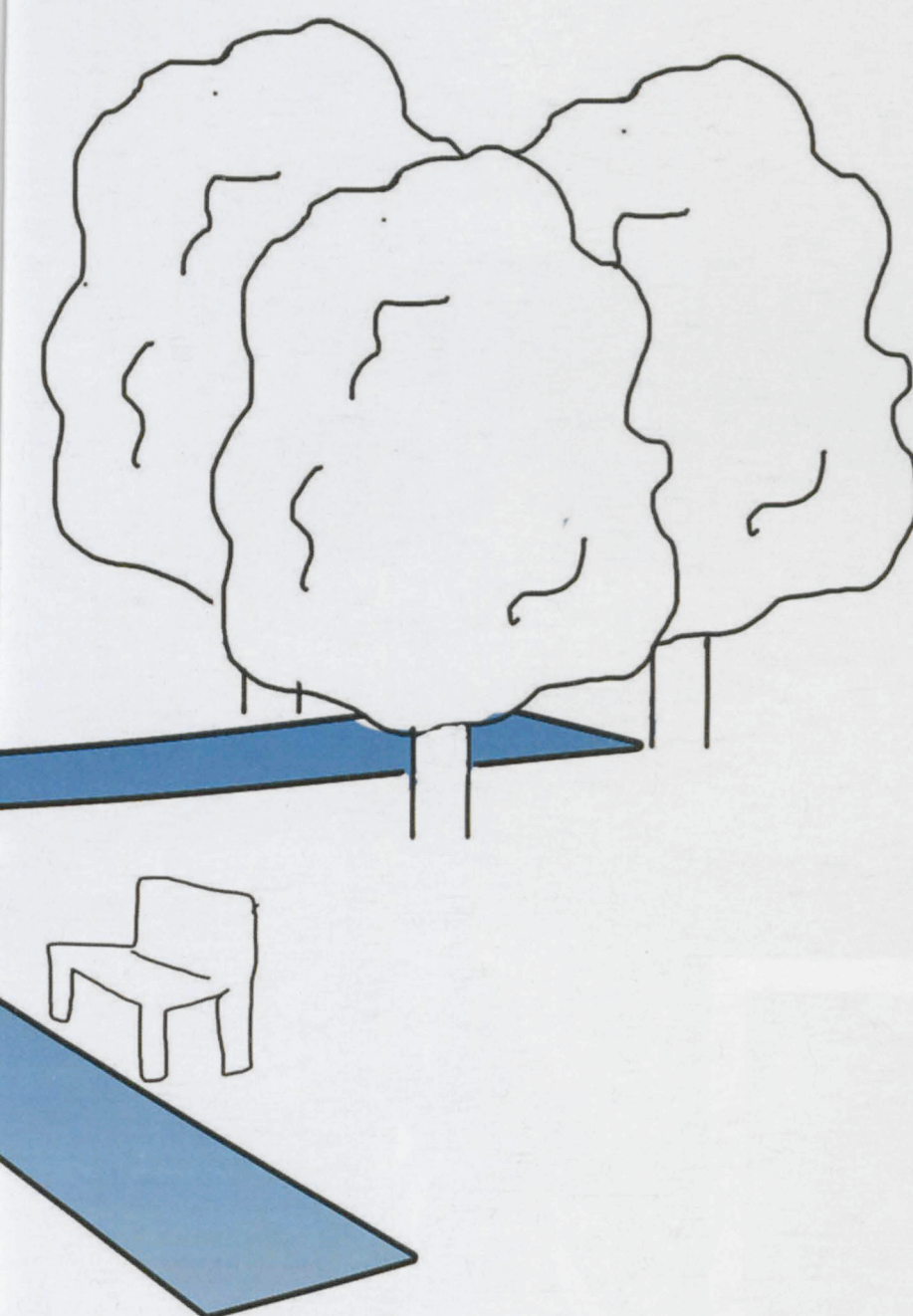


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Indie Vibes in University Yard

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Moses Sumney



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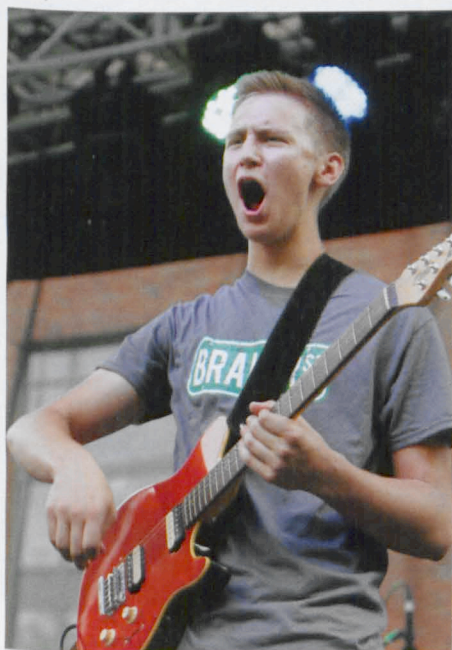
On Saturday, August 30th, hundreds of people packed into University Yard to celebrate the last day of Welcome Week. Despite the late-summer humidity, eager students visited the many tables and tents offering free food and drinks while waiting for the featured acts; giveaways included salad samples from Sweetgreen and beverages from Coca Cola's "Share a Coke" campaign. Prizes, such as magnets and navy blue Fall Fest tank tops, were also up for grabs. Some students dared to take a ride on the mechanical bull set up near the entrance of U Yard, while others simply relaxed on the grass with friends.

This year, the GW Program Board invited rock group Cold War Kids to headline Fall Fest. Supporting acts included Bencoolen, the first student band ever to open at Fall Fest, as well as popular Soundcloud artist

Moses Sumney who had recently performed at the SXSW festival. Bencoolen's homemade sound, including original songs and covers, warmed the crowd up, as did Sumney's psychedelic performance, a fusion of rap and rasta-inspired beats.

After a quick sound check, Cold War Kids took the stage, much to the audience's delight. Their set list included their most popular hit from 2007, "Hang Me Up to Dry," as well as their most recent hit, "Miracle Mile". The inclusion of Cold War Kids is a change of pace for Fall Fest, which in past years has featured electronic and hip-hop artists. It was clear, however, that students were thoroughly enjoying the blues-infused indie rockers' performance. Cold War Kids interacted with the audience, and people sang along and swayed to the beat.

The band ended the concert by acknowledging their excitement for performing at GW. It was a memorable end to one of students' favorite events.





A Voice To Be Heard

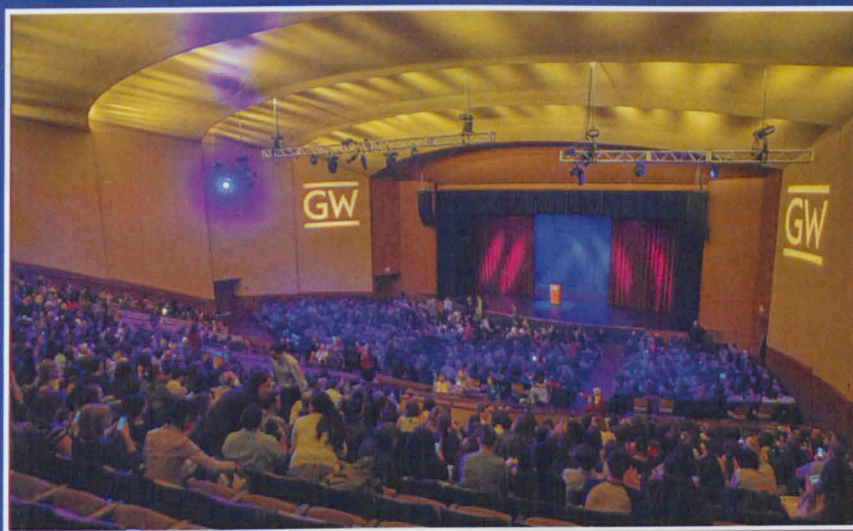
Laverne Cox raises her voice on
Trans Day of Visibility at GW.

On Tuesday, March 31, 2015, Laverne Cox spoke at GW. The "Orange Is The New Black" star was brought to GW with the help of Allied in Pride, Program Board, Student Association, the LGBT Alumni Association, the Feminist Student Union, Lambda Law, the Elizabeth J. Somers Women's Leadership Program, the Global Women's Institute, and the Association of Queer Women and Allies. The line to enter Lisner Auditorium began to form nearly two hours before the start of the event. By the start of the event, almost every seat was full, and the audience was incredibly enthusiastic.

Laverne Cox entered the stage to thunderous applause and cheers, as well as

the flash of cameras. Her speech covered the topics of trans rights and visibility in society today, and also highlighted issues within the black community. Cox was engaging and empowering, and brought light to important issues that may be pushed under the rug or cast aside on a normal basis. She shared personal stories that tied into the issues she wanted to focus on, and awed the audience with her backstory.

Cox excelled at public speaking, and the audience was attentive and respectful during the talk. GW students enjoyed Cox's sense of humor as well as her sassy demeanor. The event was very successful as a result of the hard work of the many organizations involved.



Spooktacular Colonials

Students on campus get in the spirit for Halloween!

Friday, October 31st, 2014 marked the night of Halloween, but at GW, festivities lasted all weekend. "Halloweekend", as it was dubbed across campus, boasted a multitude of parties and festivities. A warm, balmy fall evening, Halloween night was the perfect opportunity to don a costume and explore all that GW and DC have to offer.

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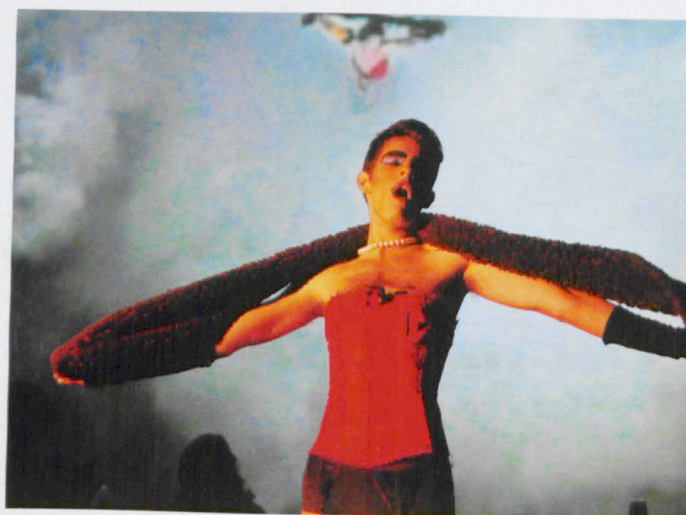
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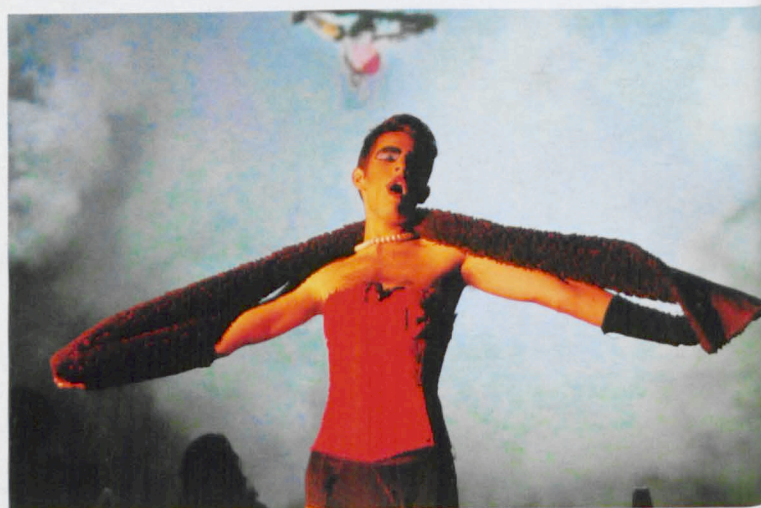
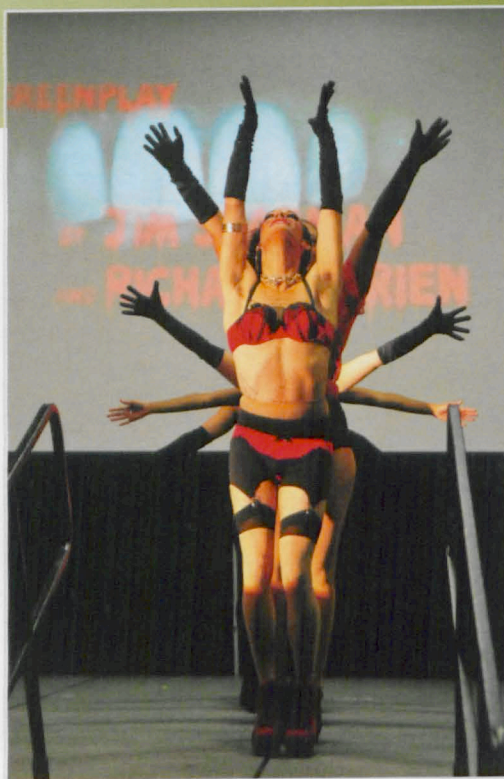
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Rebels In Action

TEDxFoggyBottom ignited the audience with inspiring talks from true risk takers.

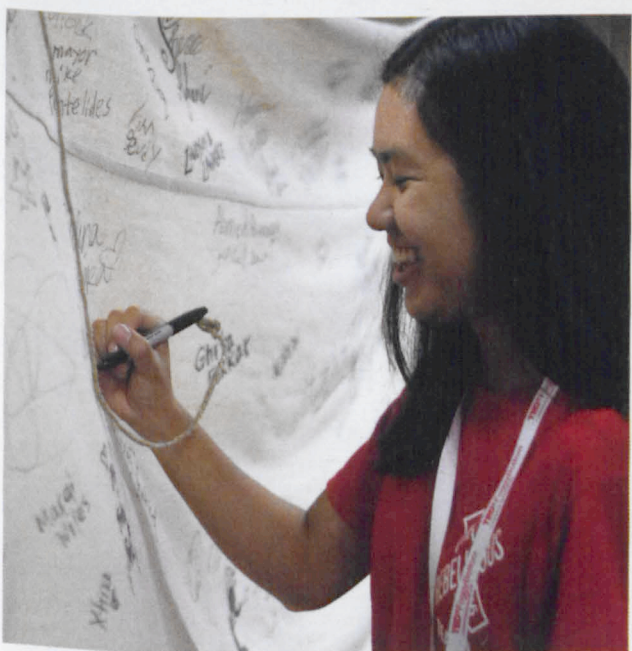
Since its beginning in 2012, TEDxFoggyBottom has gotten better and better each year. On April 3, 2015, over 1,500 attendees made their way to Lisner Auditorium to watch over 20 presentations. Attendees were welcomed at check-in, where they received personalized name badges, programs, and red drawstring bags. The entire event from start to finish was incredibly professional. In between sessions, interactive exhibits were offered in the Marvin Center, and included a 3D printer, a Museum Hack tour of the new

Textile Museum, and much more.

Individuals of all ages and backgrounds attended and enjoyed the event, focused on the theme "Be Rebellious." All of the speakers brought immense passion and courage as they discussed their stories and their futures. Noor Taguri, the journalist who launched the #LetNoorShine social media campaign, discussed her search for her own "personal legend." She reminded the audience of their responsibility to live for more than just ourselves. "I stand as one but I come as 10,000," Taguri proclaimed. George Rice III, Associate Director of

the Multicultural Student Services Center at GW, reminded attendees that to be rebellious is to "Risk Everything Beyond Expected Limitations." He discussed the most rebellious people he knows: kindergartners. "Kindergartners never say they're afraid of failure," Rice said.

Each speaker brought a different story, and a different take on the theme of rebellion. Speakers intended to inspire and empower the audience, while also highlighting that they are not alone. TEDxFoggyBottom continues to grow and impress each year, and the event is sure to be even better next year.





New Year, Same Campus

A new school year officially began with campus-wide Fall Move-In Day at GW.

Students and parents were all smiles on Saturday, August 23rd. The sky was gray, with on-and-off rain, but excitement was in the air nonetheless. The day marked all the commotion and emotions of leaving home and arriving at university. Cars and trucks toting students' belongings filtered through Foggy Bottom throughout the day, and families and GW faculty crowded the streets.

For returning GW students, the process was remarkably easy. Having already experienced move-in, unpacking was a breeze. Incoming freshmen, however, required a bit more assistance. Says Camille Park, class of 2018, "I brought pretty much everything from home with me, including my bike, so needless to say I was pretty overwhelmed that day." Student volunteers helped freshmen and their families load their belongings onto carts and into their residence halls. The parking lots behind Potomac and Thurston Halls, for example, were filled with student volunteers in bright orange shirts and anxious freshmen.

Key depots across campus were bustling, as students lined up to receive their room keys for the first time. The lines were long, and students were reminded time and time again not to lose their keys. Esther Grambs, sophomore, said "A few of my friends lost their keys last year. I can remember being locked out of my room at one point, and I definitely don't want to risk that again." Students were introduced to their Residence Hall Assistants, and also started to become accustomed to their new living quarters. Dorm rooms across Foggy and on the Mount Vernon Campus started to feel more like home as students decorated with personal belongings. Meanwhile, some roommates and suite mates met for the first time, making Fall Move-In Day the beginning of some life-long friendships.

Though the day was extremely busy and at times emotionally stressful, Fall 2014 move in was a success, and many students spent their first night at GW happy and settled into their new homes.



A Leader on and off Campus

Balancing being an Alt. Break leader, an internship, and a SA board position all while being a typical college student.

There are few people who go into school knowing exactly what they want and what they are going to do with their lives. Junior Chris Evans is one of those people. During his college application process he knew GW was the school for him based on its Political Communications program in the School of Media and Public Affairs.

"I wanted a combination of journalism and politics and was interested in the behind the scenes of politics and campaigns. I applied into SMPA as a senior in high school and it was one of the top reasons I was interested in GW," said Evans.

Since his freshman year, Evans not only took advantage of the opportunities his major granted him, but he also took each opportunity GW had to offer. Between internships and students organizations, one could say that Evans is truly having a #onlyatGW experience.

After arriving at GW, Evans quickly sought leadership positions while still finding time for internships and experiencing what the campus and city had to offer him.

At the start of his freshman year, Evans got involved with the Residence Hall Association as the executive chair of West Hall, the following year he was the executive chair of Guthridge Hall. As executive chair, Evans was in charge of programming for the respective residence halls by handing out cupcakes or creating holiday goodie bags. His role as executive chair for two years led Evans to become a Residence Hall Council Advisor, working to facilitate fundraising requests and helping executive chairs with what they need.

In addition to RHA, Evans can be found at the WRGW Radio Station as the Assistant News Director, organizing students so that they can broadcast campus, local, national, and international news to the student body.

"Getting to do the technical skills of the radio and being able to take the things I learned as a SMPA major and apply it to my extra curricular activities was really rewarding" said Evans.

While Evans devotes much of his time to RHA and the radio station, he has also found time to give back to the GW and global community by serving as the Director of Pride and Community Building in the Student Association, and leading an Alternative Break to Atlanta, Georgia.

As part of the S.A. Evans helps to plan student events such as a Super Bowl viewing party in the Smith Center, or Buff and Blue Barbeques on campus. In addition, Evans is the Deputy Vice President of Academic Affairs, having worked on the recently passed internship initiative and peer support student hotline.

The internship initiative was President Nick Gumas's platform when running for the SA. It gave students the ability to take a full course load in addition to an internship and not have to pay for the 18th credit it would give you. It also cuts the cost of internship credits in the summer down to \$50 saving the student body money on their unpaid internships.

Of all the things Evans has done with his three years at GW, the most rewarding have been his Alternative Break trips to Alabama which he went on as a participant and as a leader.

Chris is grateful for all of the opportunities GW has afforded him on and of campus and he is looking forward to seeing what the next year has to offer.



Chris Evans

Quality Colonial Time

Colonials Weekend 2014
sets campus abuzz with
parental activity!

The weekend was blustery and chilly, but that didn't stop the waves of happy families from exploring campus. The weekend started on Friday, October 17th with official family check-in at the Marvin Center. Students and their parents from around the globe received fun nametags and free GW-themed goodies. Also in the Marvin Center were fun family activities like tango lessons, massages, and a "Make Your Own Photo Pin" station.

The night got better with GW's annual "Colonial Invasion." Hundreds packed into the Smith Center to enjoy performances from GW's various athletic teams, including the Dance Team, Gymnastics Team, and Cheer Squad. The spectacle concluded with the announcement of the men's and women's basketball team's, paired with heartfelt video montages from the players' families.

There was a lot to do on Saturday

as well. Families were invited to take a historic tour of Foggy Bottom, carve pumpkins in Kogan Plaza, and attend various lectures given by esteemed GW professors. Many families opted to venture off campus and enjoy all that DC has to offer, including the National Mall and Smithsonian museums.

Saturday night was marked by a performance by comedian and writer Seth Meyers. Meyers, who was Saturday Night Live head writer for more than 10 years and who currently hosts Late Night With Seth Meyers, entertained a very packed Smith Center with smart and witty standup. His comedic genius was well received by students and their parents alike. "Seth Meyers was definitely the highlight my dad's visit," said sophomore Isaac Gritz. "We were both in stitches laughing."

Parents made their way back home on Sunday, concluding many happy and memorable visits. Colonials Weekend 2014 was a success.

Game Badges
and Lanyards



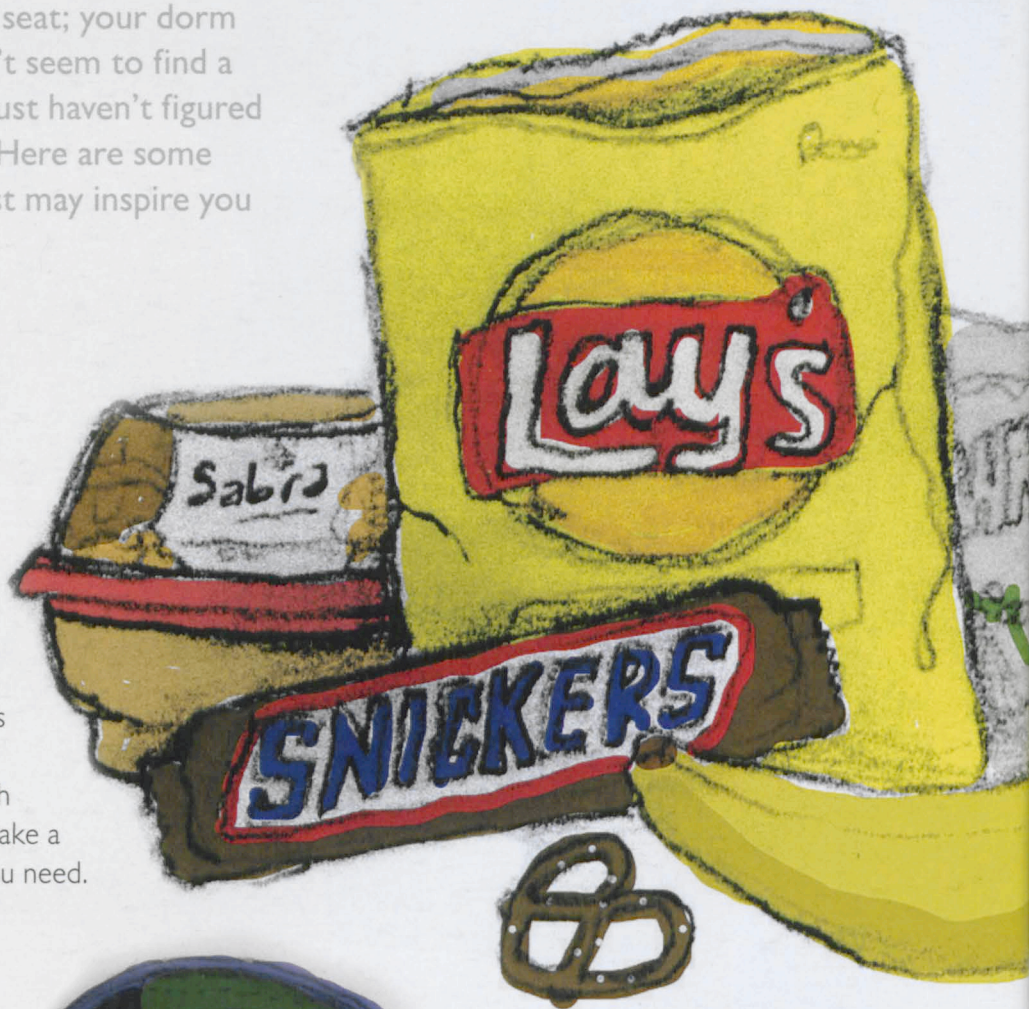


Study Supplies for Success

Finals are coming and you're panicking. You have four exams over one week and you're behind on readings for all of them. You head to Gelman but it's packed and you can't find a seat; your dorm is always a distraction. You can't seem to find a place to study. Or maybe you just haven't figured out the best way to study yet. Here are some interesting study habits that just may inspire you for finals.

Snacks:

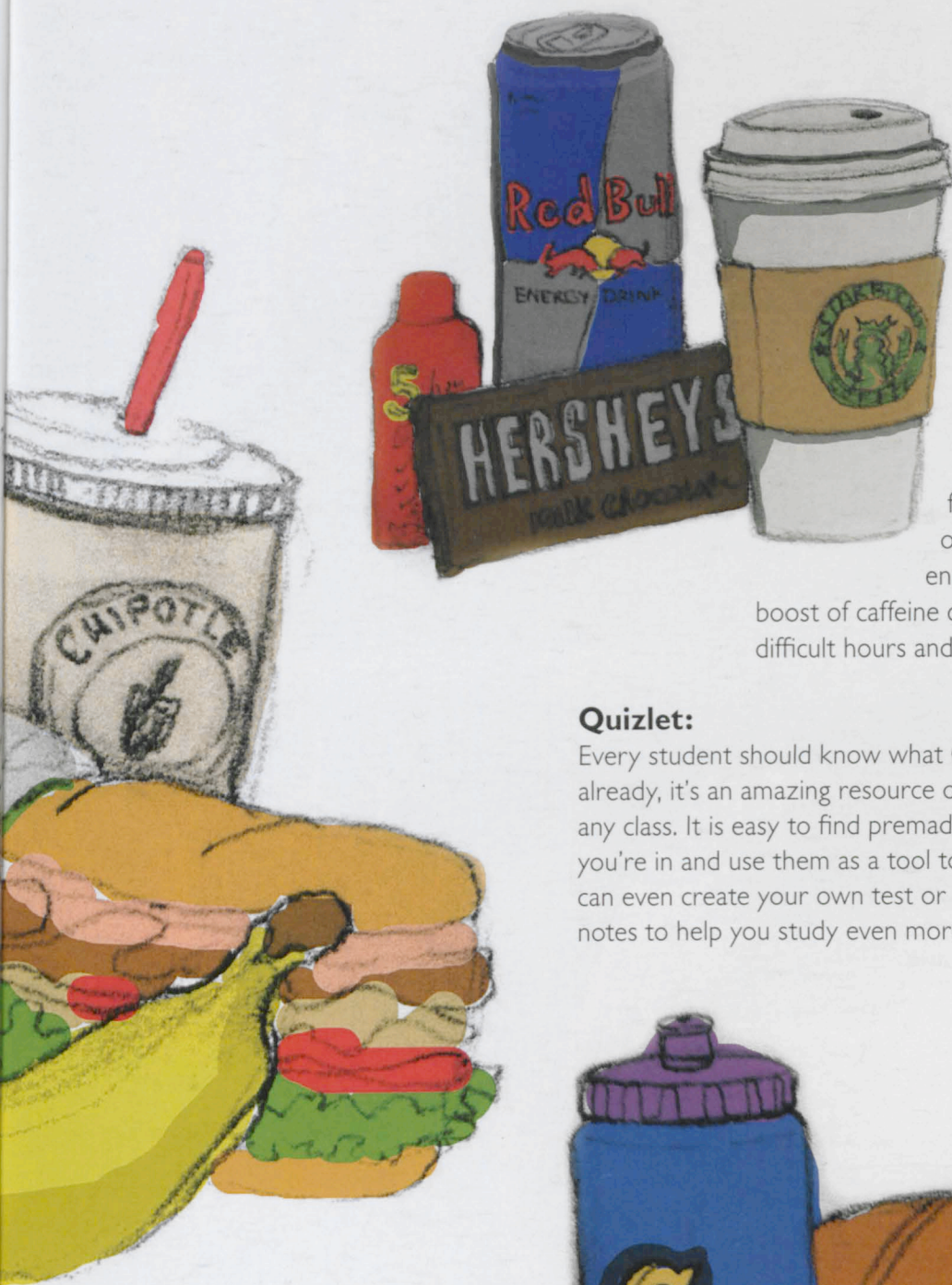
Snacks are a great way to keep your energy up and your mind focused. Keep some food handy by your study tools and treat yourself as you work through those tough problems or papers and take a break for a meal when you need.



Music:

Creating an amazing finals playlist is a great way to get some last minute procrastination in and boost your study motivation once it's complete. Listening to your favorite songs or maybe some intelligent-sounding classical music while studying can make even the worst subjects a little more interesting. Plug in your headphones or play music through your speakers in your empty dorm as you cram.





Caffeine:

One of the typical parts of any college experience is staying up into the wee hours of the night to study for exams. As it gets later and later, though, your eyes start to droop and you can't seem to stay awake. Caffeine is a quick solution to this problem. Whether it's coffee from Gelbucks, Gelman library's own built-in Starbucks, or an energy drink from CVS, getting that

boost of caffeine can help you push through those difficult hours and get in the study time you need.

Quizlet:

Every student should know what Quizlet is. If you don't already, it's an amazing resource of notecards and tests for any class. It is easy to find premade notecards for a class you're in and use them as a tool to help your studying. You can even create your own test or notecards from your notes to help you study even more.

Gym:

If you're an active exerciser, athlete, or gym-goer, try bringing your textbooks with you! Riding a stationary bike or walking or running on a treadmill while reading that super-dense material can really help you power through it. You'll get good grades and look good for the summer!







A School of Opportunity

Kate Bell on how she grew to love GW.

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ate Bell, a sophomore in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, was named Miss GW on January 24th at the Homecoming Men's Basketball game.

Majoring in Philosophy on the Public Affairs track with a minor in Political Science, Kate is also heavily involved around campus. She is the Director of Outreach for the Colonial Army, Director of Community Service for College Democrats, a brother of Alpha Phi Omega, GW's co-ed community service fraternity, and also served as an Alternative Breaks Leader, CBC Guide, and Freshman Day of Service Leader.

Before coming to GW, however, Kate was committed to another school. She was waitlisted by GW and did not think she would get accepted until she received an interesting email. The email stated that Kate had been accepted off the waitlist, but only had 24 hours to commit and pay tuition. "I locked myself in my room for almost a full day," Kate recalls. She eventually decided to say yes and commit to GW. "It was a huge leap of faith for me. Within 24 hours my life took a huge turn."

A native of Falls Church, Virginia, Kate was always only a metro ride away from The George Washington University. However, she had never visited campus. "The first time I stepped foot on campus was after I already decided to come here, but I knew right away that GW was my home."

Since arriving on campus, Kate has immersed herself in student life and activities. She is well known around campus for her loud and hilarious personality, so it came as no surprise to many when she was crowned Miss GW. When asked what she loves about GW, Kate replied, "There really is something for everyone here."

Looking back, Kate laughs at the spontaneity of her decision to attend GW. "It was the craziest but also the best decision I have ever made."

GW Without Borders

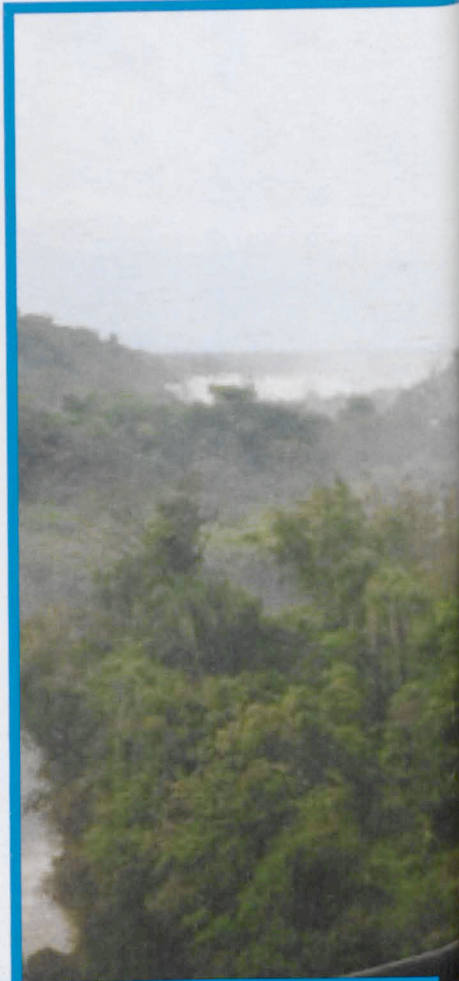
Students watch their textbooks come to life as they take their studies into international waters.

The Office of Study Abroad at GW provides resources and advisors for students at The George Washington University to learn about the application process and find the program that best fits them. With events hosted throughout the Spring and Fall semesters, students are given ample opportunities to learn about scholarship opportunities and individual programs and to meet with students who have already gone abroad. Nearly 2,000 students went abroad this year; most of the top destinations are in Europe. GW boasts over 300 approved programs in over 60 countries. In addition, many programs offer internships that allow for students to work in an international environment.

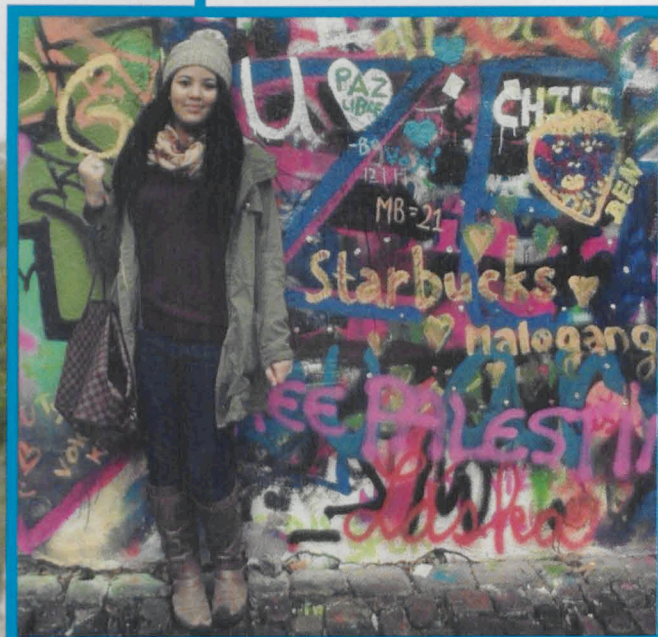
However, if semester long programs are not for you, there are both summer and short-term study abroad programs that offer an international experience for a shorter amount of time. The short-term study abroad classes are offered in the spring semester and will travel to the country of choice during spring break. In the Spring of 2015 there were courses offered in the School of Media and Public Affairs, a German immersion program, and a History course. Each of the courses studies a country and its history and relevance to the class, and then goes to see it in action over break.

These classes are a great way to experience another country without having to miss out on anything DC has to offer. Similar classes are also available over both the winter and summer breaks.

Whether you go abroad for a week, a semester, or a year, the abroad experience allows you to bring your textbook to life in every sense of the word. Students studying Latin America get to see the countries they learn about in person. Those who study International Business can learn about it in an international setting such as Paris. You get to put your mandarin to the test in China, and your Italian in Italy. Wherever you go, a piece of your studies will always be with you.



▲ London



- ▲ Prague
- ◀ Argentina



- ◀ London

Top 10 Study Abroad Destinations for GW Undergraduates

1. United Kingdom
2. Spain
3. France
4. Italy
5. Australia
6. Argentina
7. Ireland
8. China
9. South Africa
10. Chile

Night Out On the Town

Washington, D.C. is a wealth of fun and
exploration for GW students after hours.



AMC Loews ▲

Lincoln Memorial ►



◀ Eden

▼ Jefferson Memorial



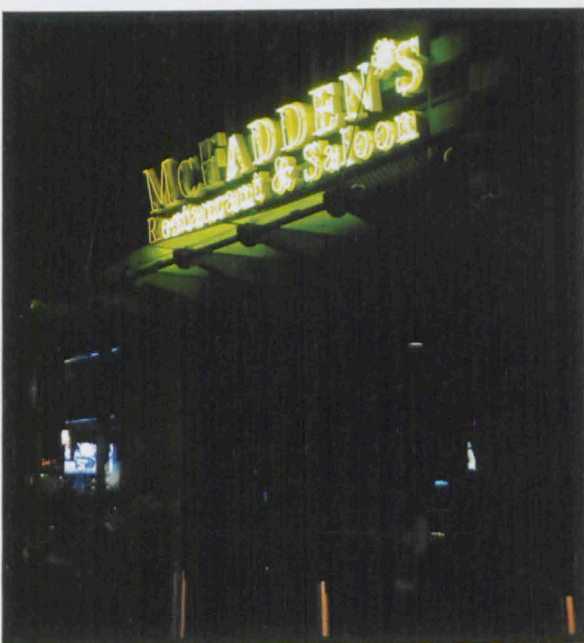
After class gets out socializing isn't limited to dorm rooms or Kogan Plaza. GW nightlife is vibrant and bustling. Many students love going to dance clubs. A favorite is Eden, located on I street. With its fun, flashing lights, peppy music, and overall intriguing atmosphere, Eden is a great place to spend a Saturday night with some of your closest friends. Other clubs, like Opera, Town, and Lima, are also popular. Social gatherings, often coordinated by social organizations such as fraternities, are often held at clubs in the area.

Bars are also a popular destination for GW students of legal age. McFadden's was a classic GW hotspot. The Pennsylvania Avenue bar offered delicious food and drink, as well as a dance floor, all while offering the feel of a classic Irish pub. Happy hours were common and were enjoyed by many GW upperclassmen. Unfortunately, McFadden's closed over winter break this year.

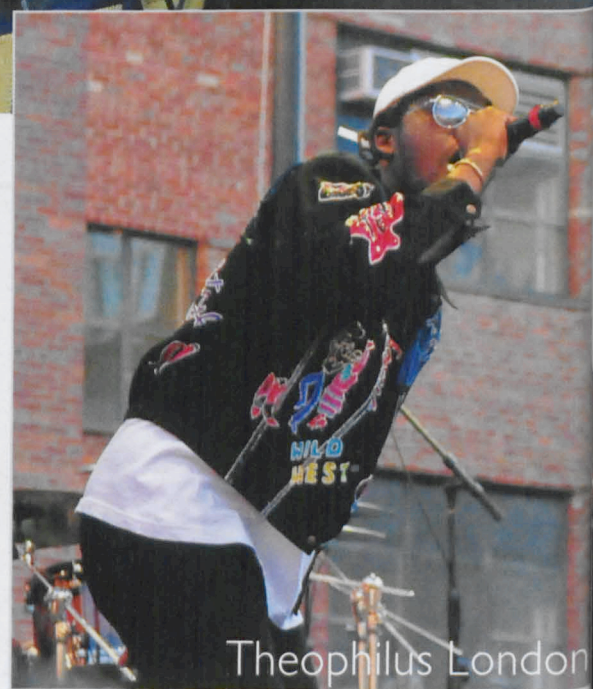
But bars and clubs are not the only places to visit after the sun has gone down. The monuments found on the National Mall are perhaps even more impressive at night than they are during the day. Students enjoy taking walks around the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monuments, both of which are illuminated bright white against the dark sky. The Reflecting Pool spits back a perfect image of the night sky, entertaining many students.

Another source of entertainment is AMC Loews theater in the Georgetown neighborhood. Located next to the waterfront, the cinema is often frequented by local college students. From horror films to chick flicks, the movies are a classic atmosphere where people can unwind after a long day of classes and activities.

Whether bar, club, monuments, movies, or simply hanging out with friends, nightlife is anything but boring for the GW student. Though technically operated on the government's clock, the city never seems to sleep, keeping people entertained and explorative even well into the night.



▲ McFadden's



Theophilus London

Dance and Sing at #FLING

Spring Fling 2015 brought the party to UYard.

GW students danced to JUNYR, 3LAU and Theophilus London at this year's Spring Fling. Spring Fling 2015 was one of the most anticipated events of the school year. GW's Program Board waited until just days before the event to announce its two headliners, 3LAU and Theophilus London.

3LAU is an electronic dance artist who surprised GW students with his upbeat music that had everyone dancing. Theophilus London is a Trinidadian-American rapper with a lively personality and exciting music. GW student artist Joe Jean-Mary, known by his stage name "JUNYR," opened for 3LAU and Theophilus London. JUNYR's rap performance won GW's Talent Show in the

fall, which earned him a spot in the Spring Fling lineup.

Program Board promoted the event with the title "#FLING" on social media as well as around campus. Spring Fling drew a decent crowd to University Yard on April 4, 2015, and offered an afternoon carnival beginning at 3pm, with performances at 4:30pm. As usual, Program Board gave away free tank tops to commemorate the event, which attendees greatly enjoyed.

The crowd was enthusiastic about each performance, dancing and cheering to every song. Theophilus London even invited two students on stage to dance in front of the crowd as he performed one of his songs. The event was fun and successful due to Program Board's hard work and dedication.



Teaching in a Global World

Giving students a new perspective into the world of journalism while enjoying the luxury of Paris.

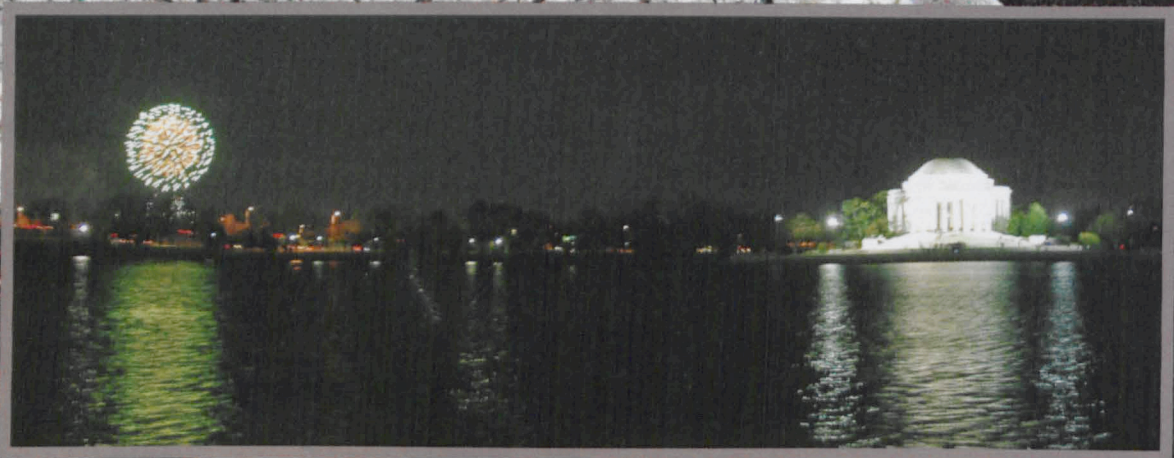
Professor Lee Huebner is known for his discussion-based style classes, students find themselves hanging on to every word as he simply talks about facts and stories he knows based on class material. As a former publisher of the International Herald Tribune, better known as the International New York Times, this professor certainly has the experience that these aspiring journalists want to hear. Professor Huebner began teaching at GW in 2006; he previously taught journalism and communications at Northwestern University. "When I came here in 2006, I brought with me a program we had done at Northwestern which was a spring break trip to Paris to meet media people, called the international Media seminar," said Huebner.

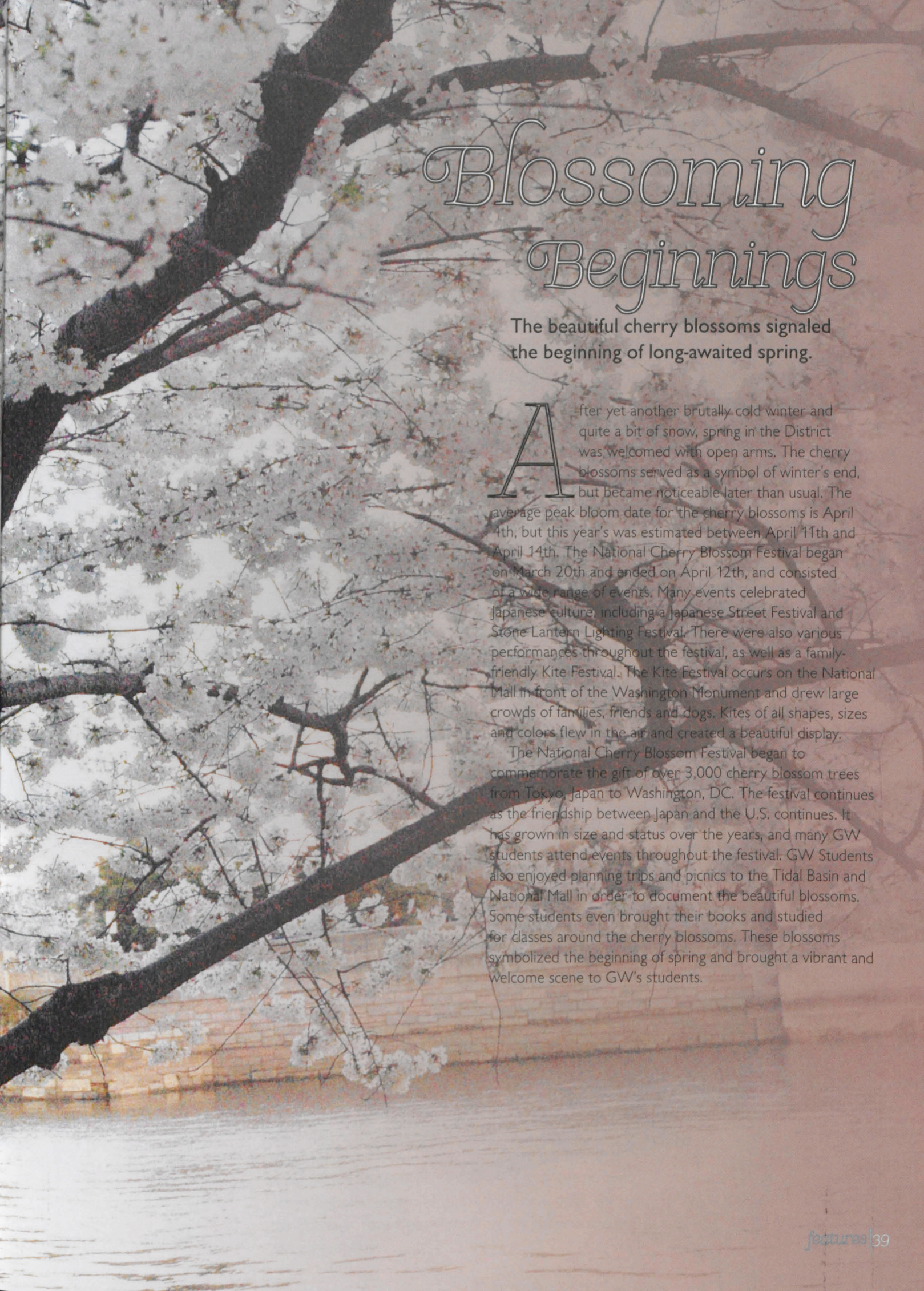
The Globalization and the Media program is now the successful short-term study abroad course called Globalization and the Media. The course takes students to Paris during spring break to learn about how the media are changing in a global context. With Professor Huebner's connections, students meet CEOs, news producers, and occasionally ambassadors as they learn about how media has evolved and the implications it has on the world. For the past eight years, students ranging from freshman to graduate students have participated in the program and have gained a new perspective on how to view the media world around them, however it is also an opportunity for Huebner to learn and grow as well. "There's a certain adventure each time we do a new course, new exploration with new people to share it with so it is fun," he said.

As a professor in the School of Media and Public Affairs, Huebner wants to make sure his students learn and get as much out of his courses as possible. The trip is designed so that students speak with experts who work in a foreign media environment, which helps them become more familiar with other media cultures. "There are a lot of opportunities [in the journalism field] you just have to be very flexible because institutions are changing so fast.



*Professor
Lee Huebner*





Blossoming Beginnings

The beautiful cherry blossoms signaled the beginning of long-awaited spring.

After yet another brutally cold winter and quite a bit of snow, spring in the District was welcomed with open arms. The cherry blossoms served as a symbol of winter's end, but became noticeable later than usual. The average peak bloom date for the cherry blossoms is April 4th, but this year's was estimated between April 11th and April 14th. The National Cherry Blossom Festival began on March 20th and ended on April 12th, and consisted of a wide range of events. Many events celebrated Japanese culture, including a Japanese Street Festival and Stone Lantern Lighting Festival. There were also various performances throughout the festival, as well as a family-friendly Kite Festival. The Kite Festival occurs on the National Mall in front of the Washington Monument and drew large crowds of families, friends and dogs. Kites of all shapes, sizes and colors flew in the air and created a beautiful display.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival began to commemorate the gift of over 3,000 cherry blossom trees from Tokyo, Japan to Washington, DC. The festival continues as the friendship between Japan and the U.S. continues. It has grown in size and status over the years, and many GW students attend events throughout the festival. GW Students also enjoyed planning trips and picnics to the Tidal Basin and National Mall in order to document the beautiful blossoms. Some students even brought their books and studied for classes around the cherry blossoms. These blossoms symbolized the beginning of spring and brought a vibrant and welcome scene to GW's students.

Fun in the Sun

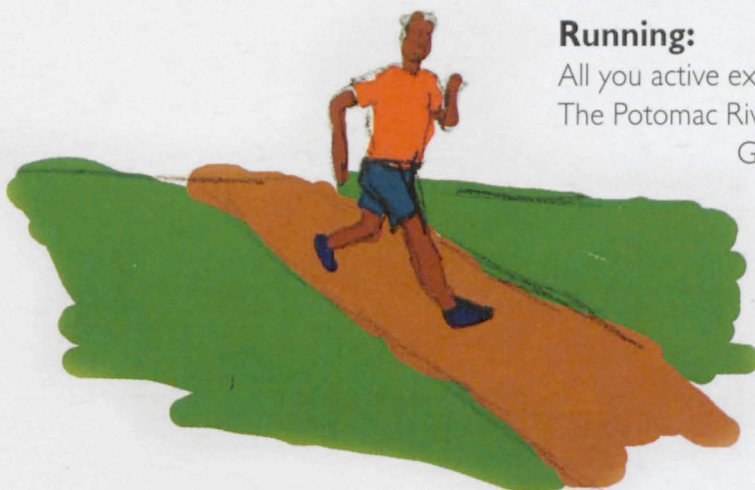
Whether it's your first year at GW or your last, there are so many spring activities it's almost impossible for you to do them all. From activities around the Potomac River to others in various parts of D.C. there is truly something for everyone. Here are some of the highlights of springtime activities in Washington, D.C.

Festivals:

From the Cherry Blossom Festival to Filmfest, there's a festival for everyone. If you're interested in global cultures, check out Passport DC, a two-week festival of DC's embassies and cultural organizations. Filmfest is DC's oldest film festival, and it offers a wide variety of films for everyone to love. The National Asian Heritage Festival offers a showcase of art, music and cuisine. There is bound to be something new and interesting at any of these festivals, so head out and enjoy all the festivals D.C. has to offer.

Biking:

Washington, D.C. is a great city for cyclists. There are many designated bike paths and it is easy to rent a bike from Capital Bikeshare and ride through this historic district. From biking along the National Mall to biking around the Potomac, there is enough beautiful scenery for every bike lover.

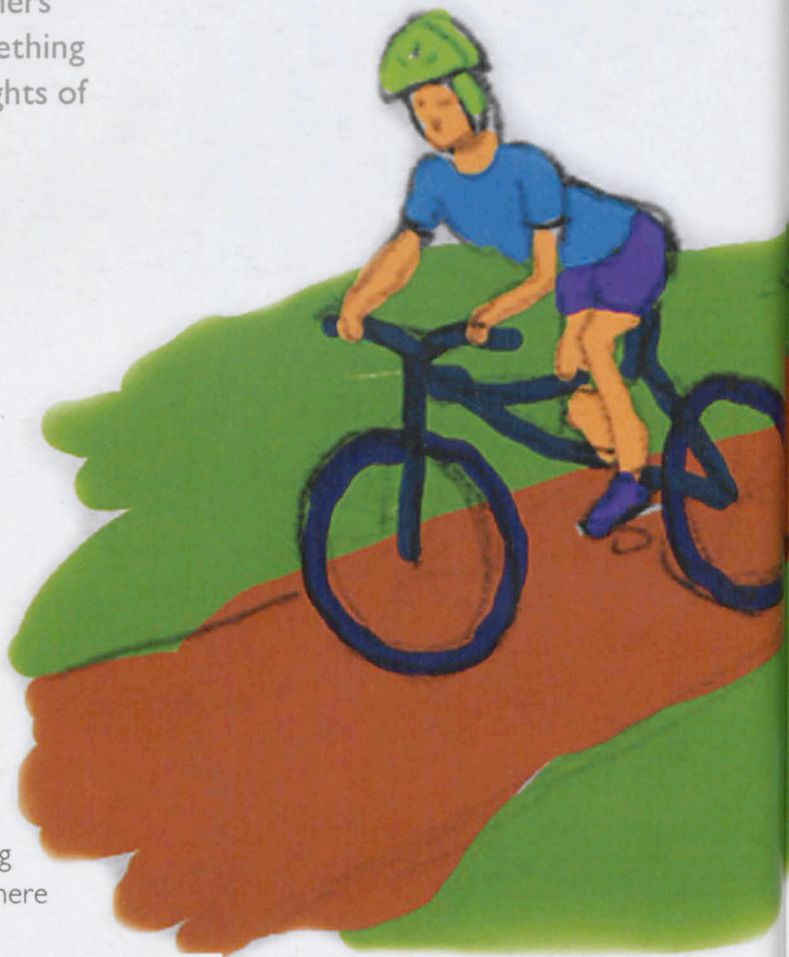


Running:

All you active exercisers can celebrate the great weather! The Potomac River has some great running paths from Georgetown to Maryland or Mount Vernon, Virginia. So lace up your sneakers and enjoy the views of the water as you work out.

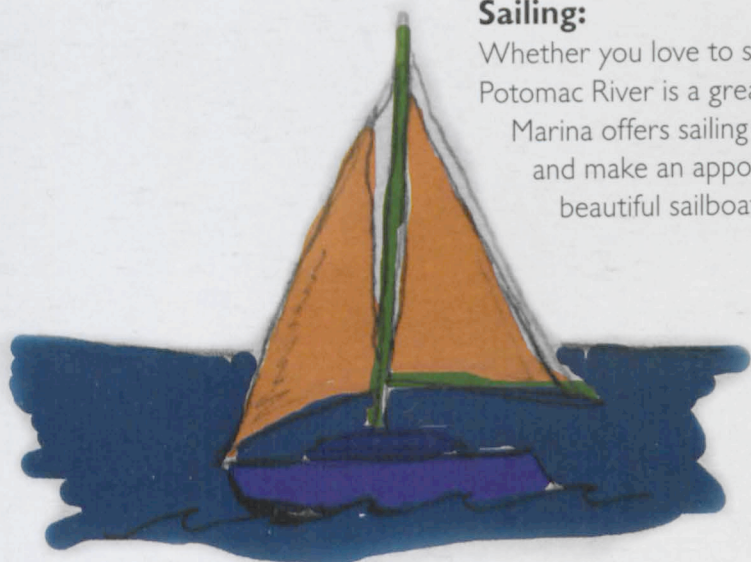
Eastern Market:

Eastern Market is an amazing place to be in the spring. Every Saturday vendors of every variety set up camp in this amazing area, offering everything from earrings to fresh lemonade! The market itself offers various fresh foods, and the area has many shops and eateries.



Sailing:

Whether you love to sail or have never done it before, the Potomac River is a great place for sailing. The Washington Sailing Marina offers sailing lessons for you newcomers, so go ahead and make an appointment. Enjoy the wind and water on a beautiful sailboat this spring on the Potomac!



Monuments:

The Washington Monument is just a short walk from campus, and all other monuments are easily accessible from there. The National Mall is beautiful, and studying on the steps of the Lincoln or at the base of the Washington Monument is an "Only at GW" moment that every student should experience.

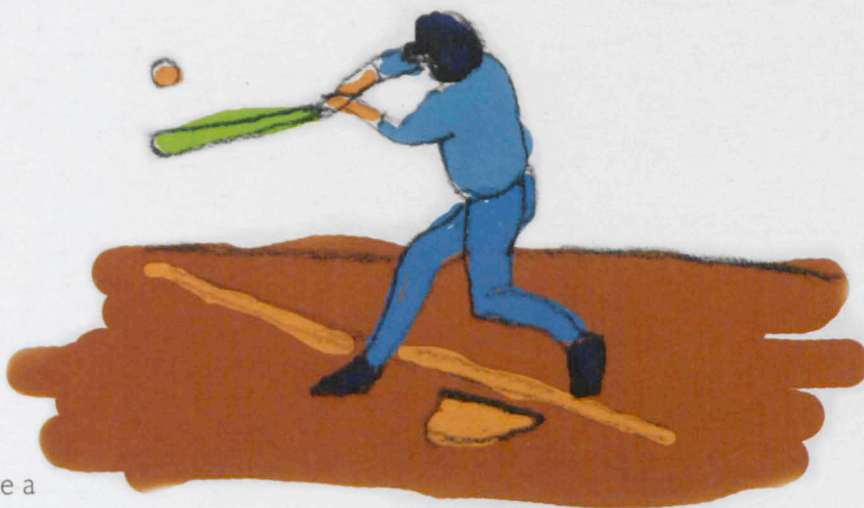
Easter Egg Roll:

The White House Easter Egg Roll is an extraordinary tradition full of a variety of activities. An egg roll, egg hunt, fitness activities, and music are just some of the festivities that occur each year. Tickets are offered through a lottery system, so if you've never attended, enter the lottery next year and enjoy this historic day.




Baseball:

The start of spring means the start of baseball. Opening Day for the Washington Nationals is in early April, and there are a number of games before the semester ends. The stadium is easily accessible by metro, and baseball games are great to experience live.



Potomac River Boat:

Located on 31st and K, the Potomac Riverboat Company offers a plethora of services. From sightseeing cruises to taxi services to parties, there is something for everyone. If you want to get on the water but are too afraid to sail your own boat, try out the Potomac Riverboat this spring for gorgeous views and a great time.



New Year, New Campus

GW's newest building is providing students with better access to a variety of resources on campus.

It seems like at the turn of every corner of GW's Foggy Bottom campus, there is some sort of construction going on. Between the new dorm, museum, student health, and the new engineering building, it seems GW is rebranding themselves with more than just a logo.

Construction for the Science and Engineering Hall began in 2011 when the university broke ground for state of the art research area for students and faculty to explore. The 500,000 square-foot building consist of eight floors allowing students studying chemistry, biology, computer science, biomedical engineering, among a variety of other topics, to have many resources and laboratories at their finger tips.

The building is broken down into three separate components; the first is the High Bay a three-story lab that has reinforced walls and flooring to sustain the testing of large objects. The second component is the Teaching Tower. The tower runs from the third floor to the eighth floor and consists of laboratories designed to facilitate circuitry, robotics, and software engineering. The third section is going to be a Greenhouse. Not scheduled to open until 2016, the space will be climate controlled to keep plants and small herbivores comfortable in all seasons. If the variety of space the SEH building has to offer isn't a selling point, there is also a ton of study space available for students to work in groups or individually, if this still doesn't satisfy you, chef José Andrés is opening a new vegetarian restaurant called Beefsteak in SEH.

Just down the block from SEH, you will find the new Student Health Services and the University Counseling Center. After successfully lobbying to move Student Health Services and UCC from it's K Street location to the basement of the Marvin Center, students now have easier access to get the help the need both physically and mentally. In Washington Circle, just on the edge of Campus, the Milken Institute School of Public Health opened in the Fall of 2014. These changes to campus provided GW students access to more study space, better access to laboratories and research facilities for those in STEM fields, and will provide better resources for students to live a healthy and stress free lifestyle.

District House, better known to the student body as the Superdorm brings together three former dorms on campus to provide a new space for 850 students to live. The dorm brings together West End, Schenley, and Crawford Hall to be the most expensive residence hall at GWU. The Superdorm will include common areas, affinity housing, faculty suites, and retail space, and will be the second-largest dorm on campus, next to Thurston Hall. The construction is said to be completed in 2016.

The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum opened March 21, 2015. The museum sits on the corner of 21st and G and will display objects collected by the University and the Albert H. Small Washingtoniana Collection, which documents the history of Washington. The museum will have three exhibits; "Unraveling Identity: Our Textiles, Our Stories," "The Civil War and the Making of Modern Washington," and "Seat of Empire: Planning Washington, 1790-1801."



A Presidential Experience

Political comedian Stephen Colbert brought his show to the Lisner stage.

Nearly 1,000 students sat outside Lisner Auditorium Monday in the cold, wind, and snow to watch one of the final tapings of "The Colbert Report" featuring special guest President Barack Obama. The President travelled from the White House to George Washington University's Lisner Auditorium to meet with political humorist and pundit Stephen Colbert.

Obama surprised both the audience and Colbert by taking over "The Word," a segment where Colbert says a witty line before a picture or phrase flashes on the screen facing the audience. In honor of the episode being taped in Washington, the segment was appropriately re-titled "The Decree."

The President delivered a Colbert-style rant. "As you know, I, Stephen Colbert, have never cared for our President. That guy is so arrogant. I bet he talks about himself in the third person," said Obama acting as Colbert.

During the segment, Obama mentioned that there are things both Democrats and Republicans liked about Obamacare. The phrase "Everything but the Obama" appeared on the screen for the audience to see.

Following the break, Obama and Colbert sat down for a more traditional interview where

the two discussed immigration, the economy, nuclear launch codes, and the growth in the rate of employment that occurred over the preceding few years.

"I'll give it to you. You've employed a lot of people, mostly as secretary of defense," quipped Colbert.

Colbert also asked the President for nuclear launch codes, asking if they include the number 5.

Despite the comedy, the President was able to push his agenda on immigration and the Keystone XL Pipeline, both issues that had recently received large amounts of media attention.

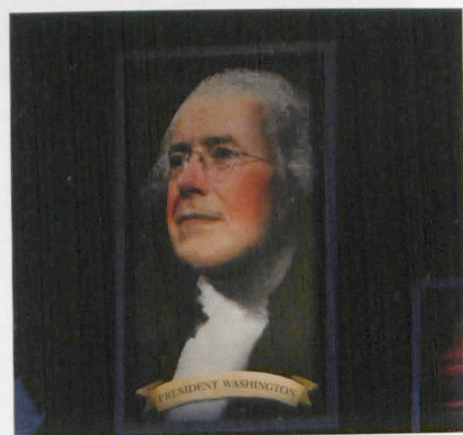
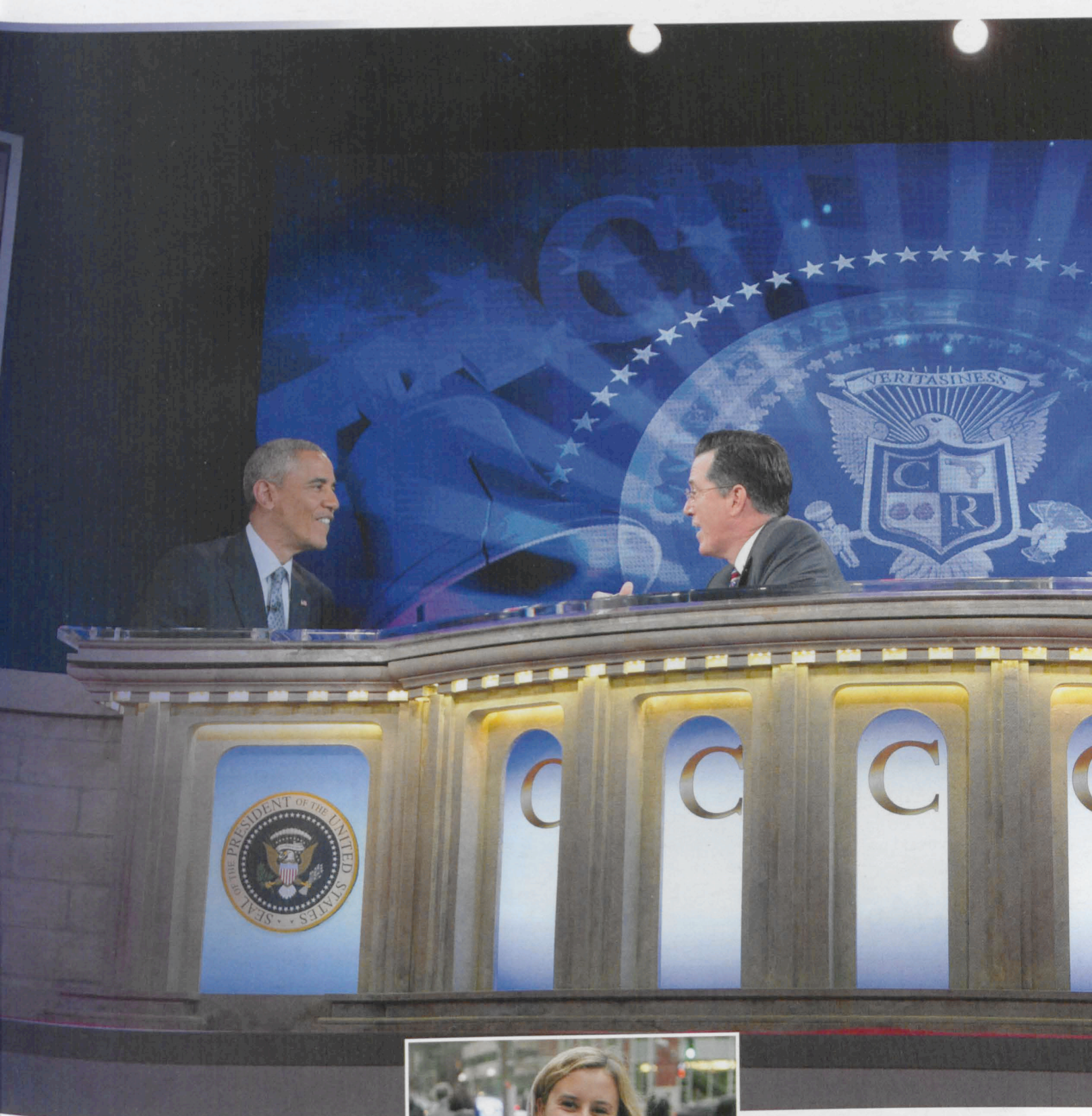
Obama spoke of the importance of making the right decision when it comes to building the pipeline, especially when it comes to creating jobs and climate change.

"It could create a couple thousand jobs in the initial construction of the pipeline, but we've got to measure that against whether or not it is going to contribute to an overall warming of the planet," said the President.

Colbert even created his own policy, suggesting the pipeline be used to help steer immigrants away from the United States.

The next two years may go more smoothly if Obama sticks to being the President and Colbert stays on cable TV.

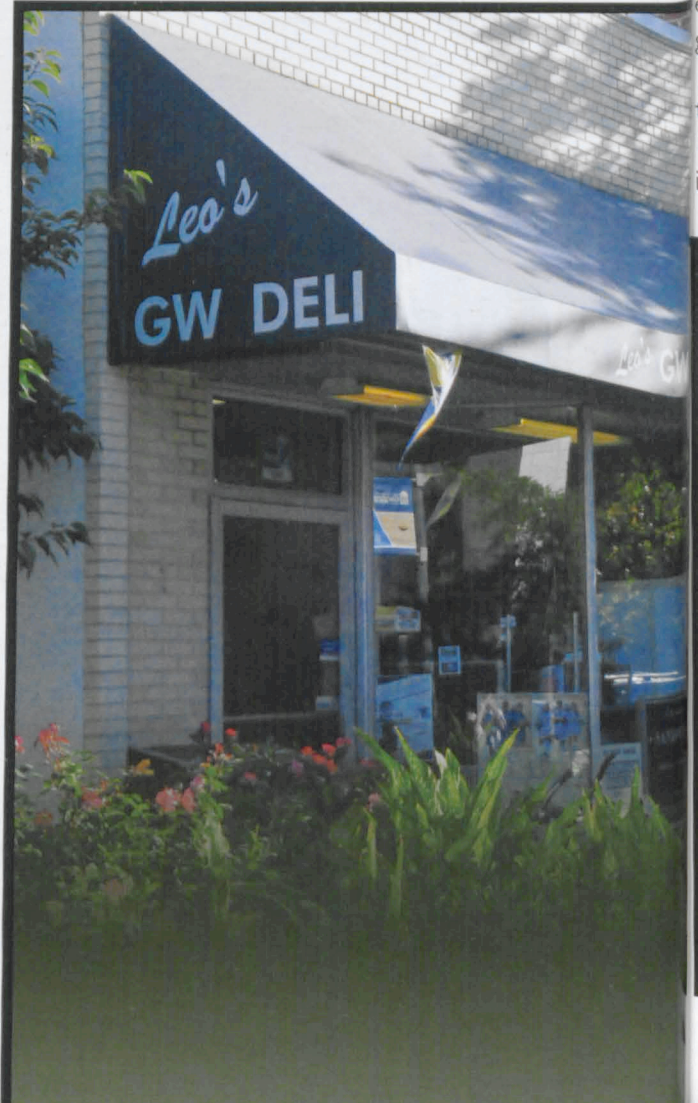






Carvings ▲

Leo's GW Deli ►



Five Star Foggy Dining

Students enjoy many diverse and delicious restaurant options around campus—options that all take GWorld.

There comes a time when every GW Student has tired of daily trips to J Street or Pelham Commons. A classic alternative is GW staple Carvings Deli. Located directly next to freshman residence hall Potomac House on F Street, the family-run operation serves yummy hot and cold sandwiches as well as other grocery items. Carvings is known for staying open late: midnight or later every day of the week, making it a destination for students across campus who need a mid-study session snack.

FoBoGro is another popular deli among GW students. Since opening in 1946, the Foggy Bottom Grocery was originally a local market frequented by GW students. Though popular, it soon fell into disrepair, until GW alumni Devlin Keating and Kris Hart took over the store in 2009, and worked to rebrand it as "FoBoGro", an establishment equipped with classic deli favorites but also modern grocery items like instant meals and energy drinks.

Leo's GW deli, located on 21st street, is another delicious delicatessen option, with similar options to Carvings and FoBoGro.

There are countless Starbucks coffee shops throughout Washington, but the Starbucks next to Gelman library, or "Gelbucks" as

students call it, is a particularly popular destination. Students flock to Gelbucks to pick up Pumpkin Spice Lattes in the fall, and Cookie Crumble Frappuccinos in the spring. Its convenient location promises a jolt of energy for even the most weary of Gelman's visitors, even at 12 am on a Tuesday.


Crepeaway on L street is another eatery open late. Known for their delicious specialty crepes, served savory or sweet, Crepeaway is also popular for offering quick and convenient delivery right to any student's residence hall. It's a great place for dinner, dessert, or both.

Though technically located in the J Street cafeteria, Auntie Anne's warm, delicious pretzels are a far cry from standard cafeteria fare. Students love their pretzel bites, pretzel dogs, and fun flavors like cinnamon sugar.

Whole Foods grocery store offers not just snacks and meals, but the option for actual grocery shopping. Though notoriously pricey due to its high quality and often organic products, Whole Foods is extremely popular amongst GW students. It's a great place to meet a friend for lunch, or quickly grab some milk and bread on the way back to the dorm.







Life in the Suburbs

Community thrives on The Vern, located in the Foxhall neighborhood of northwest Washington, just ten minutes away from GW's main campus.

Though admittedly more quiet than the city campus of Foggy Bottom, GW's Mount Vernon Campus is anything but boring. Home to residence halls, athletic facilities, entertainment facilities, and more, "The Vern" is a bustling hub of diverse students and faculty, and an essential piece of the university as a whole.

The scenic and sprawling campus has been a part of GW since the university's acquisition of The Mount Vernon College for Women in 1999. Quickly integrated into the university as a sister campus to Foggy Bottom, The Vern boasted 687 student residents living in 6 different residence halls. Unique academic and residential programs are headquartered on The Vern, including the Elizabeth J Somers Women's Leadership Program, and cohorts such as Politics and Values. The University Writing Program and the University Honors Program are also based on The Vern.

Students from both campuses study in Eckles Library, Mount Vernon's very own source of books, technology, and other study resources. Open till 3 am most days of the week, Eckles is a quiet and peaceful sanctuary of learning.

While the Vern might not have a Chipotle or Bertucci's on hand, Pelham Commons, located in the basement of West Hall, is a convenient and decent place to grab a bite to eat. Zest Bistro, located in Ames Hall, is yet another popular option for meals on The Vern.

Exercise and leisure is fun and accessible, as Vern residents have easy access to Lloyd Gymnasium, as well as a six-lane outdoor swimming pool. NCAA athletic games, such as soccer and lacrosse, are easy to view as well. A 150-seat black box theater and digital media center are two of The Vern's best kept secrets.

Getting to and from The Vern is very easy with the help of The Vern Express. Running 24 hours daily, "The Vex" helps connect GW's suburban campus with its urban one. The Vex even has a Twitter account that informs students of possible delays and changes in the bus' schedules.

With many scenic views and no shortage of trees, The Vern is a welcome break from the cramped city life found in Foggy Bottom. Quirky details, from winding sidewalks to the squirrel statue outside Cole Hall, make The Vern a welcoming and safe environment that all GW students are able to enjoy.

The Colors of Spring

GW students celebrated color, love, and friendship at Holi 2015.

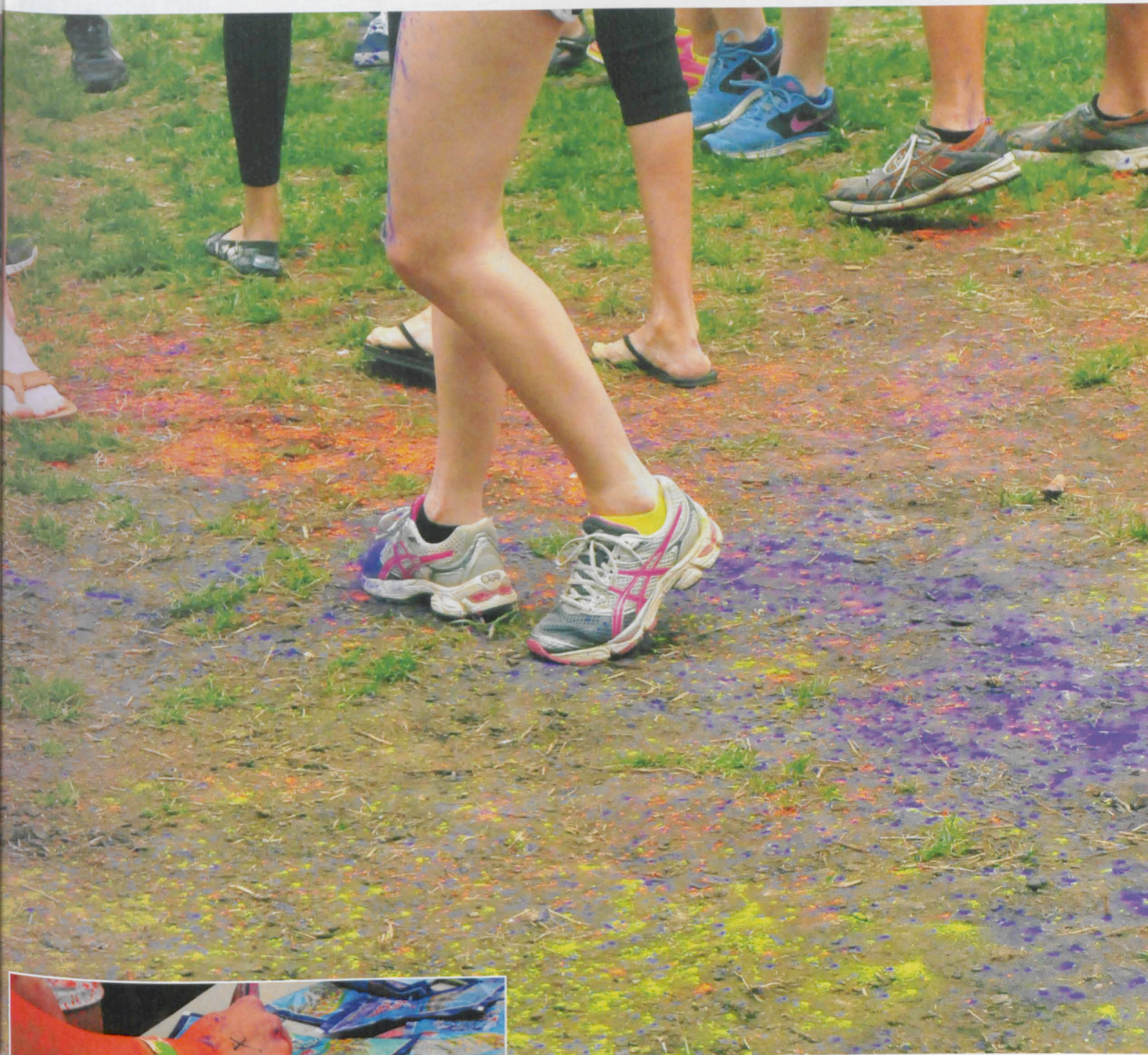
Holi, the Hindu festival of colors and love, is an ancient religious festival that is growing in popularity among Hindus and non-Hindus alike. The festival celebrates the coming of spring, as well as the triumph of good over evil and the power of love in Hindu legend.

In 2015, the GW Hindu Students Association celebrated Holi on Sunday, April 19th. The festival occurred in Square 80 and began at 12:30pm. Due to a large amount of interest in the festival, participants were required to RSVP to attend the first session of the event. After 1:00pm, non-registered participants were allowed to line up and enter until the end of the event at 2:30pm. The great amount of support and interest was unprecedented, and the festival was a great success.

Participants were required to either bring a clothing donation or donate \$1 to enter the event. Free white t-shirts were provided to participants who donated clothing, and water bottles were also given away at the event.

By 12:45pm, Square 80 was covered in colored powder, and so were attendees. Participants laughed and shouted as they threw colored powder on themselves and their friends, celebrating the beginning of spring and also the coming together of friends and peers within the GW community. Congratulations to the GW HSA on a very successful event!





When the Gelman Walls Start Talking

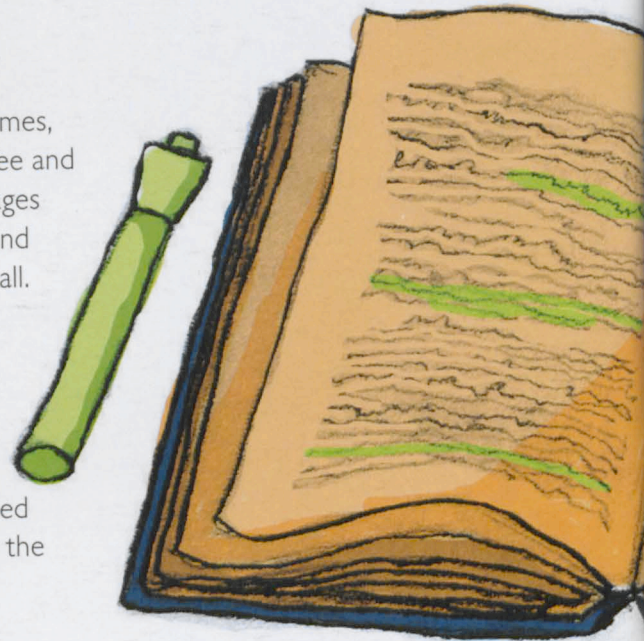
A guide to getting straight A's while experiencing everything DC has to offer.

The Library of Congress:

Do you really go to GW if you haven't studied in the Library of Congress on Capitol Hill? Located on the blue line across from the Capitol Building, the library is home to art exhibits, book collections, and even a Dunkin Donuts in the basement: the nation's true national treasure. Stop by, check out a book, research something in the catalog, or check out the law library all while studying in a quieter atmosphere. While you are there, remember to get your own Library of Congress library card!

Baked and Wired:

With unique cupcake names, copious amounts of coffee and other caffeinated beverages and FREE WIFI, Baked and Wired seems to have it all. Located along the canal in Georgetown it is just a quick 10-minute walk from campus. During finals time if you are stressed and need a sweet this is definitely the place to be!



Kramerbooks and Afterwords Café and Grill:

This café serves breakfast, lunch, dinner, and every meal in between. While there is usually a wait, making a reservation ahead of time will give you the freedom to get any meal you want and do your homework in an indie/hipster setting. The café is also attached to a bookshop that is a great place to pick up a book or two if you need a break from schoolwork. It's a bit of a walk as it is located off of Dupont Circle but if it's too crowded you can always go to the Starbucks nearby!



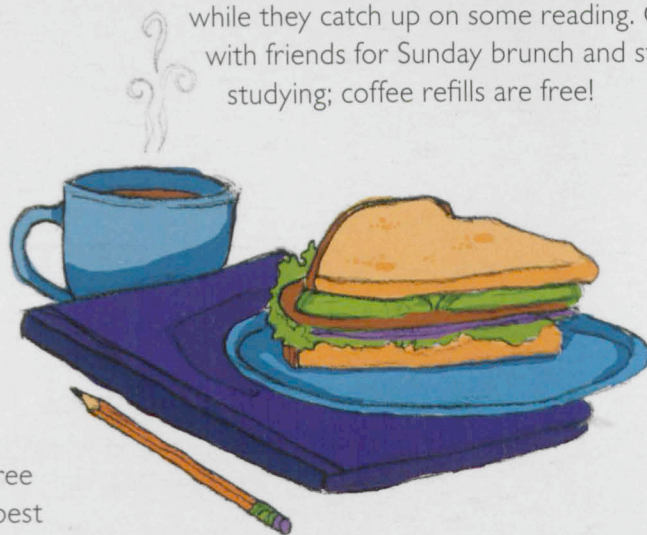
The National Mall

This may be hard to do if you have something that requires WIFI, or if it is cold out, but when Cherry Blossom season is in full spring, this is the place to be. Grab your blanket and your books and relax in the fresh air. What better place to study than surrounded by museums and monuments that take textbook material and let you learn about it in person. If museums aren't your thing, no worries! Just get yourself out of the stuffy classroom buildings and get some fresh air while still doing your homework!



Busboys and Poets

Located on 14th and V St., Busboys and Poets has an alternative ambiance that will have you willingly opening a book. With options to sit at tables or couch sections, there is a place for everyone to sit and enjoy their coffee while they catch up on some reading. Go here with friends for Sunday brunch and stay for studying; coffee refills are free!

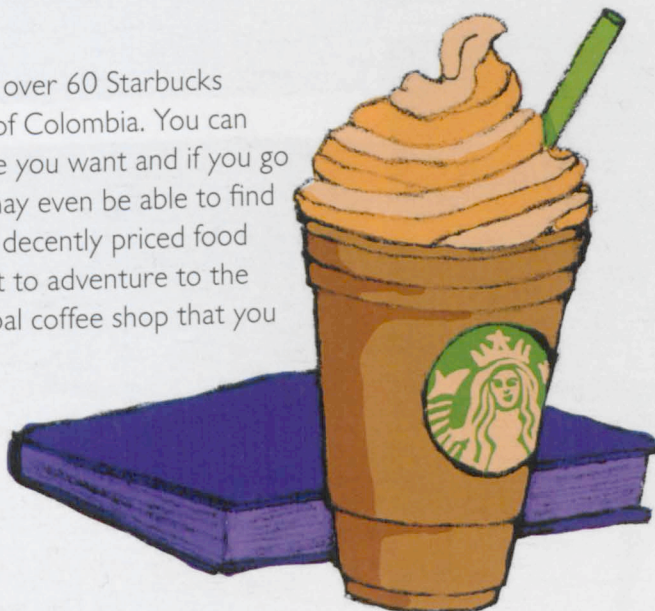


Tryst

Considered to have some of the best coffee in DC and boasting free WIFI, Tryst is the best place to study in all of Adam's Morgan. They pride themselves on their mismatched silverware and eclectic vibe. The ultimate goal at Tryst is to build a connection with their customers and create a community while providing you fuel for your studying needs. The workers there understand the need to bunker down and study and they will provide you with a breath of fresh air that isn't the midnight announcement at Gelman.

Starbucks

When all else fails there are over 60 Starbucks coffee shops in the District of Colombia. You can get almost any kind of coffee you want and if you go at the right time then you may even be able to find a table. With free WIFI and decently priced food and drinks, if you don't want to adventure to the unknown Starbucks is a global coffee shop that you can study at in any country!





Chalk it Out

Students create art and relieve stress at GW's annual Chalk In.

On April 29, 2015, GW students took over the sidewalk and H Street in an effort to bring color and positivity to the stressful end of the semester. Tables were set up in Kogan Plaza offering beverages and snacks for students. Hula-hoops and cornhole games were offered to students in addition to the main event: chalk art.

The day was warm and sunny, and the beautiful colors and designs only added to the positive vibe on campus. Police blocked off H Street between 21st and 22nd Streets between noon and 4pm to allow the creations to unfold. Students drew everything from flowers and peace signs to elaborate symbols. Some promoted student organizations on campus, others wrote political messages. A giant period table was even created in the middle of H Street.

Many students offered inspirational messages within their art, wishing everyone good luck on their finals and motivating them to study. The event was very popular, and students were able to socialize while taking a break and returning

to their childhood. The Colonial Health Center and Program Board included this event as part of GW's "Treat Yourself" Week in an effort to help students handle the stress of finals. Chalk In enabled the GW community to come together on a beautiful day and support and motivate each other in a creative way.



Expanding GW

President Knapp reflects on how important the university's location is to the growth of the GW community.

The George Washington University has seen a great deal of growth over the past year. The opening of the Milkin Institute of Public Health; the construction of District House, better known to students as the Super Dorm; the Textile Museum; the addition of the Corcoran School of Art to the schools in the University, and the Science and Engineering Hall.

Now in the eighth year of his term, President Knapp reflects on the growth the university has seen since he began his term at GW. "When I first got here, we added South Hall a year later, then we developed our Mount Vernon Campus with both the addition of West Hall and the expansion of Ames Hall, and the last couple of years we have been focusing on the academic facilities here," said President Knapp.

The theme of this year's book is "Growth," is perfect timing given the various new buildings that have been added throughout campus. President Knapp has been working to implement a strategic over the course of his term in the hopes to see growth in four different areas. The first theme is "Globalization," not just expanding through connections around the world but, drawing on the global appeal of Washington D.C., surrounded by embassies and the World Bank. "Policy" is the second theme, "policy is an element that is almost everything we do, even though we have programs in the arts, sciences, humanities and social sciences, often they have a policy edge to them so it makes sense to connect with institutions that surround us that often does have an impact on policy," he said.

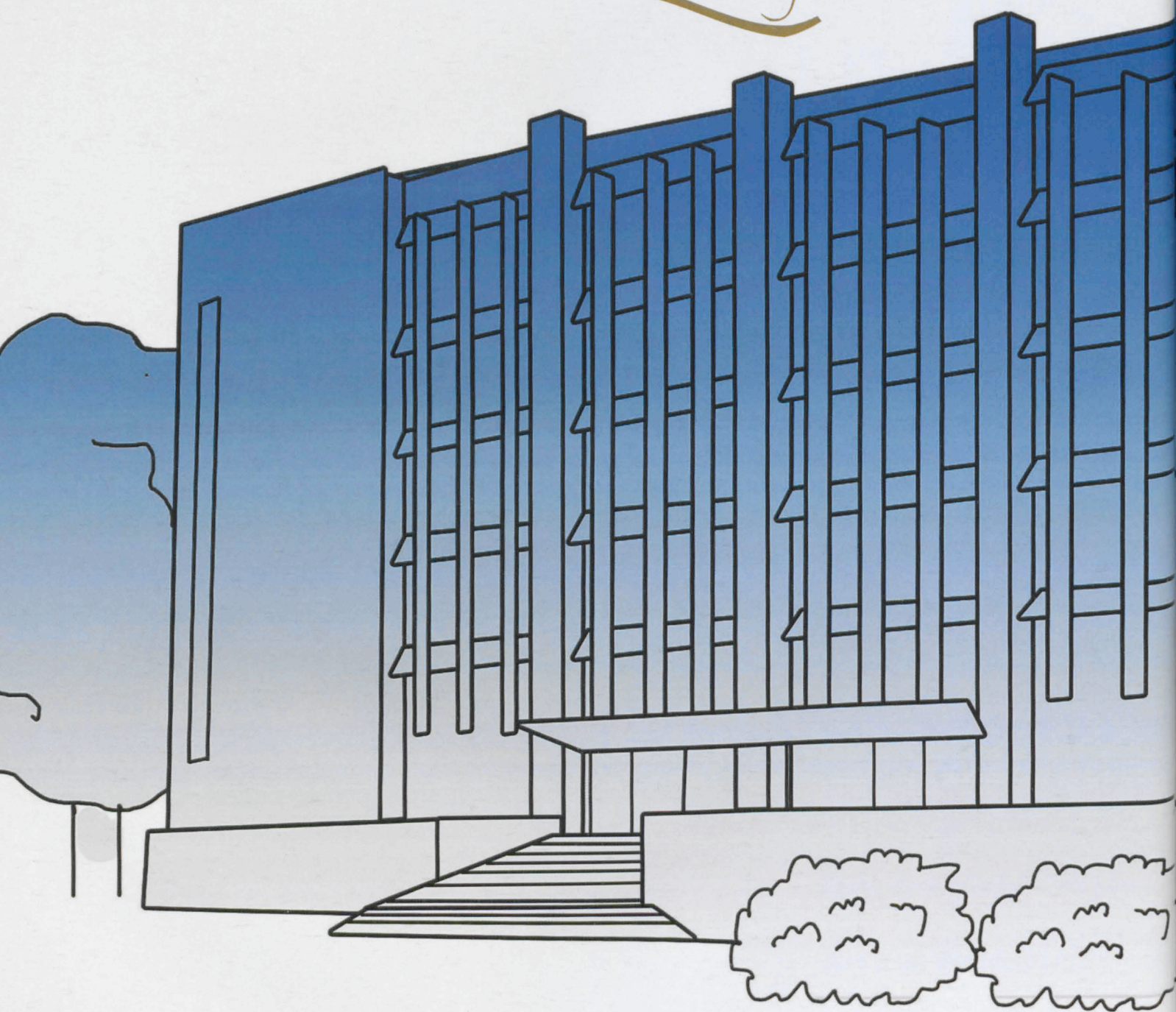
President Knapp goes on to talk about the vision of President George Washington, educating leaders in the nation's capital by focusing on citizenship and leadership within the university. The final theme is "innovation through interdisciplinary collaboration, the idea that you can take resources from different programs and bring them together to help solve some of the most challenging problems we face in the nation, world, and our community," said Knapp.

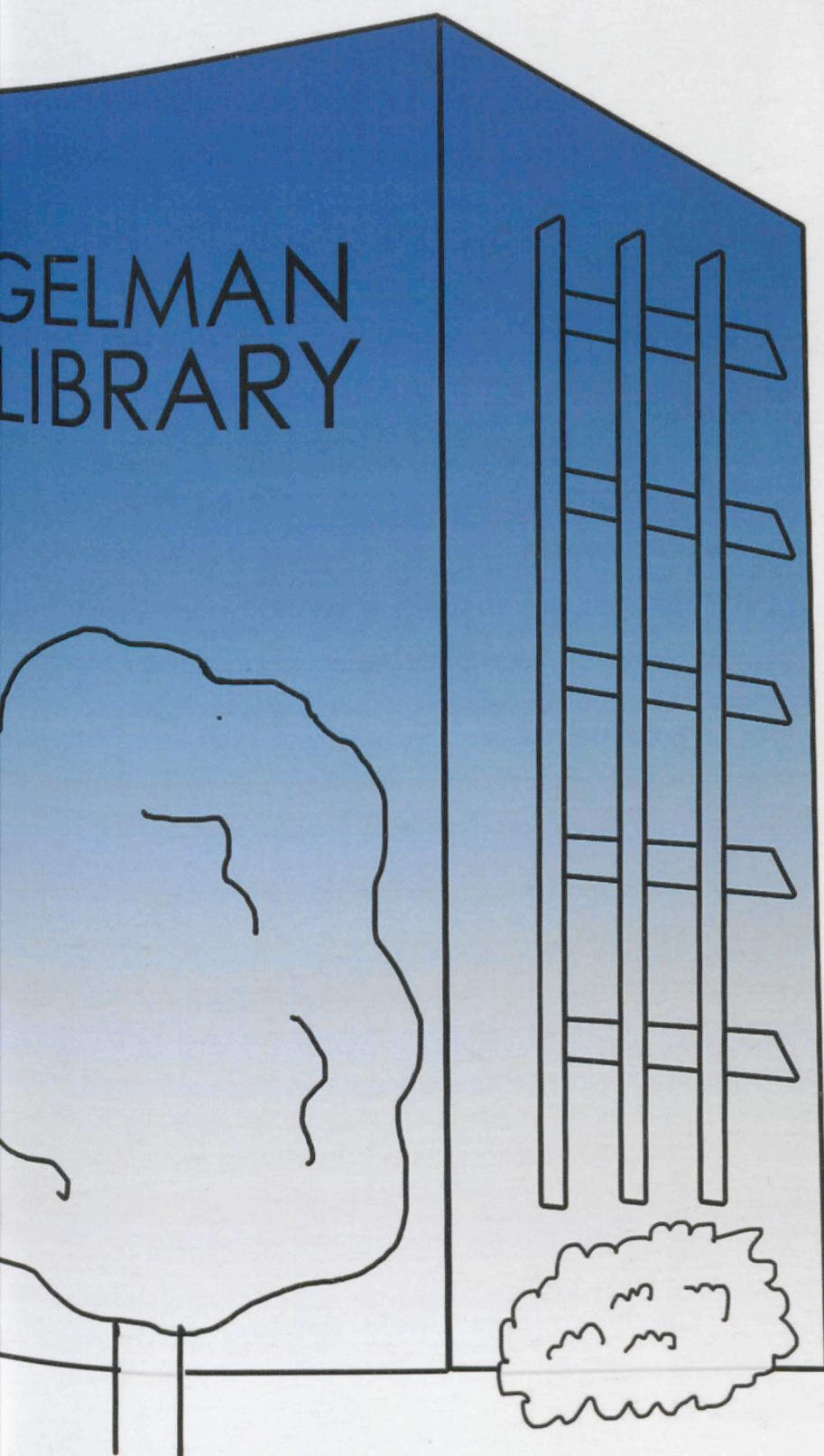
With the implementation of these four themes, President Knapp believes the university will grow and expand not only within the university, but globally as well. Because of the university's location, President Knapp believes the students are surrounded by opportunities that will help students grow and reach the goals they came here to accomplish.

President Knapp



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But First, Let me Take a #CISelfie

At each of the 2014 CI sessions, there was a competition for all those participating in the Orientation to take the best selfie. Hashtagged on social media with #CISelfie, students, the Colonial Cabinet, GW faculty, and even parents posted pictures of themselves exploring GW's campus and the city.

Peter Konwerski, the GW Vice Provost and Dean of Student Affairs, and Nick Gumas, the GW Student Association President, introduced the competition at the opening ceremony for each Colonial Inauguration session. At each closing ceremony, a slideshow played some of the best photos submitted, with the winning photo announced at the end.

These photos ranged from selfies with the statue of the hippo near Lisner Auditorium to groups of freshmen touring the National Mall at night. As attempts to create the most extreme selfies ramped up, the number of people in each photo seemed to increase over time, as well as the notoriety of the figures photographed. Some of the most notable photos were that of all of the School of Business freshmen who attended CI Session II, a photo with a member of the United States Air Force, and a selfie with Hillary Clinton when she spoke on campus during CI Session I.

Welcome Home Colonials

The Class of 2018 was welcomed during the 25th annual CI.

The summer of 2014 marked the 25th anniversary of GW's beloved Colonial Inauguration program. Each summer, incoming students spend a few days at orientation getting to know The George Washington University and Washington D.C. as well as their new classmates and faculty.

This unique orientation is most often associated with memories of the Colonial Cabinet, clad in their iconic white polos, khaki shorts and crazy sneakers.

This group of 35 GW students prepared for months to introduce students to their new home through dancing, clapping, and skits.

In addition to the large events that the Colonial Cabinet produced for the students, each Cabinet member led a small group of students through the orientation program. These groups allowed for the small group of students to get to know each other and their Cabinet member better through "ice-

breaker" activities and conversations about life on and off the GW campus.

Outside of the small groups, students at CI were given the opportunity to learn more about the school through information seminars with topics ranging from Study Abroad to DC Nightlife. They also explored the city with Cabinet-led night trips to see the monuments or to get cupcakes from Georgetown.

The last day of orientation gave each incoming student a glimpse of their years ahead at GW as the Student Organization Fair allowed them to sign up for the numerous student organizations on campus. Wrapping up at the closing ceremony, the students pinned themselves with "GW Class of 2018" pins to officially join the vast community of Colonials, not only for their time on campus, but for a lifetime as Colonial alumni.



With apartment-style housing, Amsterdam Hall is a coveted residence for sophomores living on Foggy Bottom. The nine floors of the hall feature one or two bedroom apartments, each with its own kitchen and bathroom. In addition to being a spacious and modern housing option for sophomores, Amsterdam is also home to the Global Language Affinity housing on campus. Over the summer it also provided housing for GW students who work as interns in the Washington, D.C. area.



Life inside the dorms



▲ South Hall

Located on F Street in Foggy Bottom, South Hall offers single and double bedrooms in apartment style housing for senior students. For seniors who choose to remain living on campus, South is an excellent choice as each apartment comes with amenities not available in most other campus housing options. Designed as either four or

five person units, each South apartment features a kitchen, washer, dryer, and two private bathrooms. In addition to the in-house amenities of South, the residents are able to easily access Anniversary Park across the street and the beloved deli and grocery store FoBoGro, making South Hall a desirable location for fourth-year students.

Making this House into a Home

Modern amenities make certain dorms the most desired housing options on campus among students.



◀ Potomac House

Often recognized by potential and current students as the residence hall shown during GW prospective students tours, Potomac House offers a modern housing option for freshman with a convenient location on campus. Residents are able to easily access the school's Mail and Package Services, a prime location for the beginning-of-the-year shipments and mid-semester online shopping binges, as well as Carvings deli for late-night snacks. Freshmen in Potomac are encouraged to build a community with one another at activities such as movie nights for the hall hosted by the Potomac members of the RHA.



◀ Shenkman Hall

Formerly known as Ivory Tower, Shenkman Hall took on its new name in September 2014 after GW alumni Mark Shenkman donated a large sum to the university's Center for Career Services in the hopes of improving preparation for students as they entered the work force. At the beginning of the school year, the luxurious apartment style hall featured posters in common areas donning the whimsical nickname of "Shenk Shack" to

reinforce the name change of the building. Regardless of the changing of the hall name this year, Shenkman Hall remains a highly sought-after residence as it sits above restaurants including Potbelly's and Baskin Robbins, as well as having two levels of parking underground. The 450 students who live in the hall are able to conveniently access much of the campus, including the Lerner Health and Wellness Center and Funger Hall.



▲ GW College Democrats

Getting out the Vote

As a part of campaigning for the midterm elections, both College Democrats and College Republicans took part in canvassing trips to various states to increase voter turnout and campaign for candidates in the region. College Republicans traveled to North Carolina and Kentucky to canvas for Senate Republican candidates for each state. CD members took weekend trips to Kentucky and Georgia in the months leading up to the election, as well as a day trip into Virginia to campaign for congressional and gubernatorial candidates.

"Going out on the campaign trips was one of the highlights of my year," said College Democrats freshman representative Lande Watson regarding her first experiences canvassing with College Dems. "It was amazing to know that I made an impact in an important midterm election."

These trips allowed for new and returning members to get involved in each organization, as well as participating in an election campaign.

Capitol Pursuits

Students stay politically active in the heart of the US government.

Settled in the nation's capital, it makes sense that GW College Democrats has consistently remained the largest chapter of College Democrats in the country. They worked to maintain political involvement and interest within the members, community, and country at large.

Much of the fall semester was spent preparing for the midterm elections, educating voters about Democratic Congressional candidates and state issues concerning the party. As part of their preparation for the election, CD members traveled to Kentucky, Georgia and Virginia to canvas for congressional and gubernatorial candidates. They went door-to-door in local neighborhoods informing residents about Democratic candidates for their region and to promote voter turnout.

In addition to the various canvassing trips that College Democrats participated in, they maintained friendly competition with GW College Republicans in political and non-political events. At the beginning of the semester, CD and CR held a debate between their members on political issues facing the country. To take a step back from politics, CD and CR have also held a board game and trivia nights and a flag football game on the National Mall, both of which College Democrats won.

"I found a community within College Dems starting with the first canvassing trip I went on my freshmen year and still remains today," said Lauren Hoffman, the assistant membership director of College Democrats.

Beyond the partisan debates and campaigning for candidates, College Democrats strives to build connections amongst the members and increase politi-

cal awareness and involvement across the country.

Despite being smaller in numbers as compared to GW College Democrats, the College Republicans participate just as actively on campus and in the community. The conservative political group worked to promote their ideals and interest in politics.

This year was significant for College Republicans as they worked to campaign for the midterm elections. Leading up to the November 4 election, members of College Republicans led various phone banking sessions for Republican congressional and gubernatorial candidates, as well as participating in out-of-state canvassing trips for Senate candidates.

On election night, CR held an election watch party in the Marvin Center and slowly filled in red states on their chart of the nation as results came in throughout the night. Once polling numbers came in to officially determine that Republicans had successfully taken back the majority in Congress, the CR members celebrated. They took a night trip to the White House to finish off the night, declaring that "America had a great election night" on their social networking accounts.

GW College Republicans have also collaborated with our chapter of College Democrats to have various guest speakers visit and speak on political and social issues. Before the midterm elections, both organizations held a forum where the DC Attorney General candidates discussed their platforms and ways to volunteer for their campaigns.

Being involved in GW College Republicans does not only offer students a chance to become more politically active on campus, but provides real-world opportunities for them through internships and volunteer opportunities around the city.



◀ GW College Republicans

Live to Serve

Students serve the community through organizations

Buzzing for Change ▶

Buzzing for Change is an annual event hosted by the student organization Buzzing for Change at GWU that promotes awareness and raises money for Camp Special Love, a camp created for children battling cancer. This year the event was held on Saturday, April 18 in Kogan Plaza, with warm weather providing an ideal opportunity to cut hair.

As a participant in the Buzzing for Change event, a person may choose to shave their head in solidarity with cancer patients or cut eight inches of hair to make a wig for cancer patients. In addition, participants donate money in return for the haircut which raises money for the cancer charities.

In the weeks leading up to the annual event, the organization held a promotional campaign, having students complete the sentence "I buzz because...", with responses such as "cancer should NOT dictate a child's self-confidence" and "my hair doesn't make me me."

The event drew attention from members of the GW and DC community as a lively and meaningful event. Throughout the afternoon, Buzzing for Change had Pitches, Sons of Pitch and GW Chamak perform to maintain the upbeat atmosphere and catch the attention of passersby. Through their annual hair cutting event and other fundraisers during the year, Buzzing for Change raised thousands of dollars for Camp Special Love.



Camp Kesem ▶

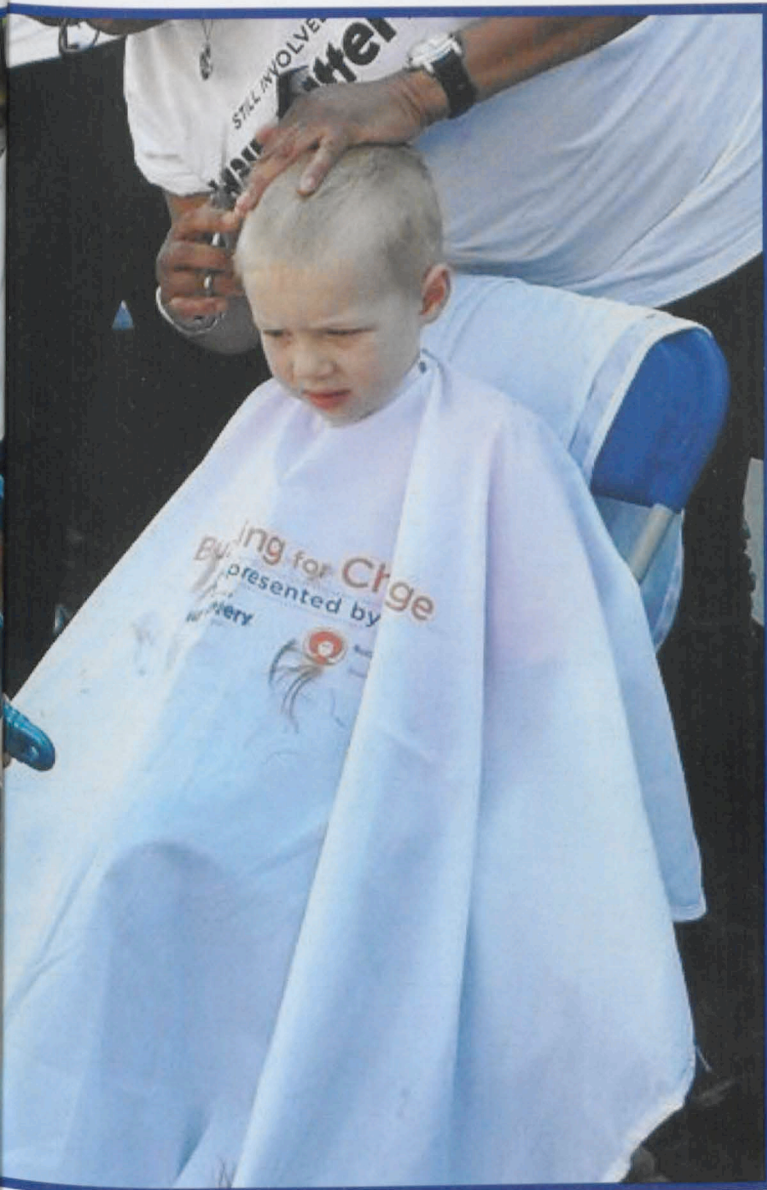
The GW chapter of Camp Kesem raises money and volunteers for a one-week summer camp at Camp Louise in Cascade, Maryland for the children of past and present cancer patients. Camp Kesem is free for the children as a way of lightening their spirits in a camp atmosphere without imposing any additional financial burdens on the family.

Members of Camp Kesem GW spend the year writing grant proposals, planning the activities for the week-long camp, outreach to members of the community for participation and raise upward of \$70,000 to pay for children attending camp. In addition, they are trained and act as a peer-support community for these children throughout the year.

"Our passionate student leaders make Camp Kesem a space where children can build self esteem and gain support from others going through similar challenges at home," said GW Chapter Director Brittany Harvey.

Their biggest fundraising events of the year were the 7th annual Share the Magic benefit dinner held in the City View Room and the numerous events throughout Krazy Kesem Week 2.0. These events combined both the families involved in the camp as well as the outside support community to raise awareness and funds for Camp Kesem and cancer.





GWU Red Cross

The American Red Cross acts as one of the largest humanitarian relief organizations for needs both domestic and abroad. The GWU Red Cross works to promote these same ideals through events serving the GW and DC metropolitan communities. The organization provides both the resources service opportunities for GW students to make a difference in the community, especially for those interested in medical or health fields.

Throughout the school year, the GWU Red Cross hosted a variety of service, training and fundraising events to provide rounded humanitarian relief for local areas. The most notable event that the organization hosted was the various blood drives, held in conjunction with other student and Greek organizations. In addition, the GWU Red Cross participated in the school's Trick or Treat for Service event, volunteered at St. Mary's Court assisted living facility and assembled care packages for the homeless.



The Food Justice Alliance

The Food Justice Alliance is a student organization dedicated to food justice advocacy and education. They promote healthy, local, organic food and a just, sustainable food system through education and direct action in the George Washington and Foggy Bottom communities.

The organization hosted weekly meetings throughout the school year, educating the members about various ways to improve the agricultural environment, as well as coordinating field trips to local farms and events with other student organizations. FJA also worked closely with GW's First Chapter program for incoming and returning students as the book in focus this year discussed food justice.

Members of the Food Justice Alliance worked actively in various facets of the community—policy, farming, advocacy, among others—to further their goals of a healthy food system. Their main outlet for doing so at GW was through the gardening and harvesting of the GW GroW garden, which grows organic fruits and vegetables for use by members of the GW and DC community.

Film, Record Print, Repeat

Students delve into media to produce modern news.

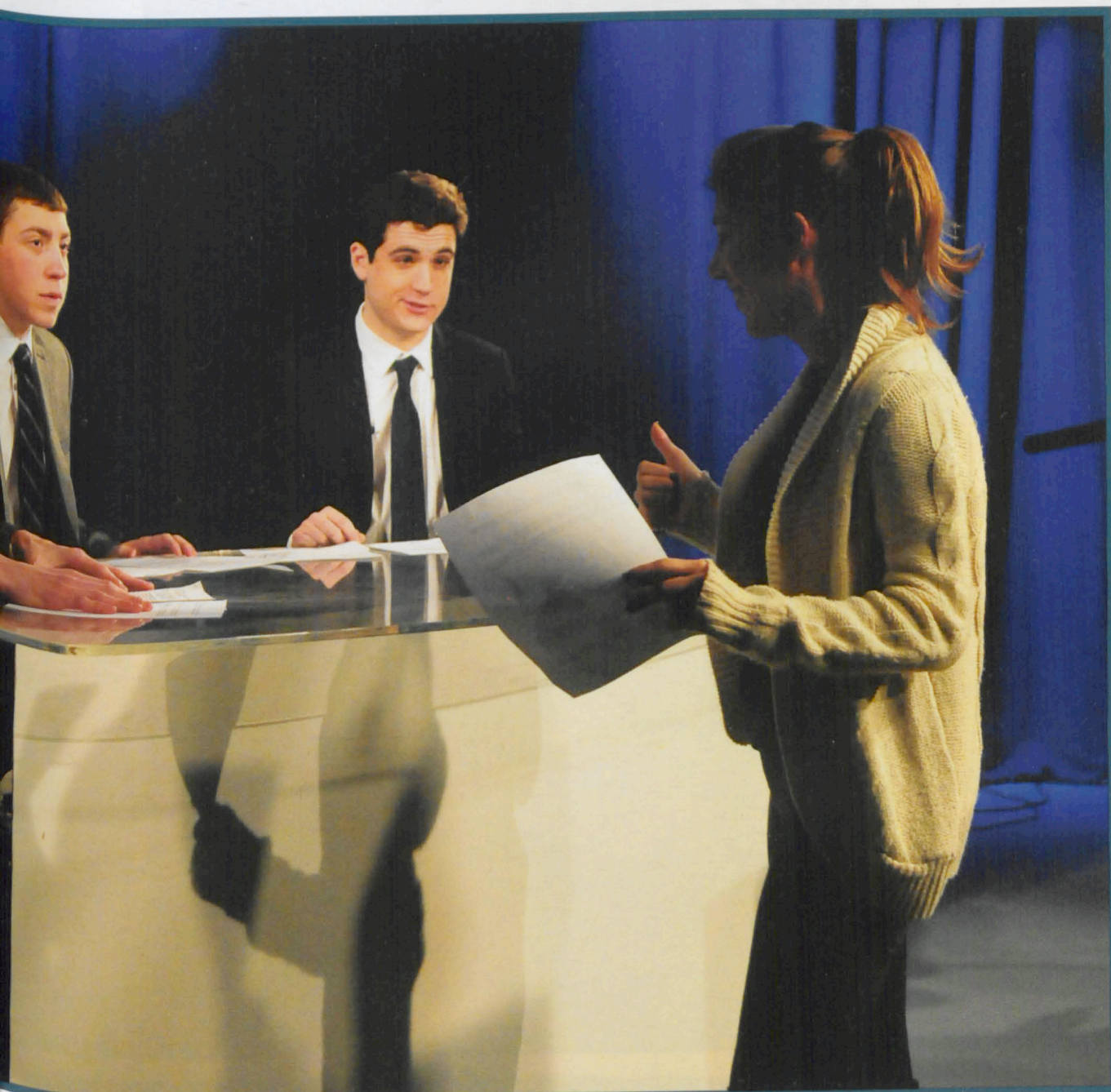
GWTV ▶

The SMPA building's professional recording studio was the home of the student-run television station GWTV. On local channel 61 and on their website, viewers could watch the monthly-produced shows GWeek, Colonial Crossfire, Unstoppable and DC2LA which are written, hosted, filmed and edited by students. The goal of the organization was to create digital news that was interesting and relevant to GW students, as well as train the members how to work in a professional television newsroom. The environment and high quality of GWTV prepared the students, many of whom intern in the television departments at CNN and NBC both as students and after graduation.



◀ The Hatchet

Each Monday morning, The GW Hatchet published their print newspaper, as well as online stories, on a variety of school-related topics such as the opening of new buildings and the latest sports games. Working out of their newly acquired townhouse on F Street, The Hatchet staff worked daily to write articles, take photographs, create graphics and attain advertisements which compiled to create the weekly paper. In the 110 years that the independent student newspaper has been in production, it has risen to prestige, receiving multiple national journalism awards, and some Hatchet alumnus have continued on successfully in journalism to receive Pulitzer Prizes for their work.



◀ WRGW

Serving both the students of GW and the District as a whole, WRGW aired 18 hours per day, seven days a week to bring news, music, sports and talk shows. For those who have never worked as a part of a radio station, the WRGW trains interested students about on-air etiquette and equipment use so that anyone can have the opportunity to work in the studio. Veteran members such as Raynell Cooper were offered to host shows specific to their interests, as Cooper hosted the sports show "The Real Deal." In addition to working in the Marvin Center studio, WRGW members broadcast special events around campus including live broadcasts from basketball games, open mic shows at local coffee houses and talk shows from the lounges of residence halls.

Play On

Students produce and perform for the school.

GW Shakespeare Company

Whereas the other GW theatre groups perform a variety of plays and musicals, GW Shakespeare Company focuses on the works of William Shakespeare. This year, however, they took on two shows by other writers that they felt remained within their spirit as a company. During the fall semester, they performed "The Tempest", the last play written by Shakespeare as well as "Pericles: Prince of Tyre." In the week of dress rehearsals before the actual performances, what is known as tech week in the theatre world, GW Shakespeare Company hosted multiple Twitter contests open to all students for a chance to win tickets and to boost awareness of the upcoming show. As a whole, the troupe works to retain the esteem of Shakespeare's works and recognize his influence on the history of theatre.



"It was an incredible experience getting to tackle such a beautiful, fun play that's so close to my heart. The show itself is a bit of a challenge but the actors took it on brilliantly and

I think we created something really great. For me the process was more important than the product, but the product was really something I'm proud of."

—Rose Spice-Kopischke
Director of The Tempest

2014-2015 season

GW Shakespeare Company

Shakespeare Smackdown
The Tempest, Rose Spice-Kopischke
Pericles Prince of Tyre, Negi Esfandiari
Metemorphoses, Natalie Petruch
The Crucible, Madeline O'Brien
Hamlet, Rachel Davis

14th Grade Players

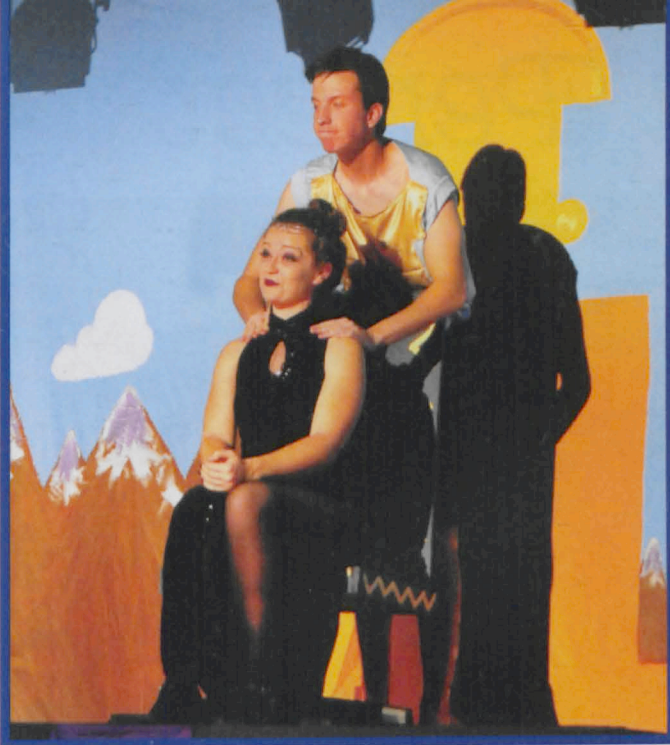
Welcome Back One Acts
Laughter on the 23rd Floor,
Emily Messing
Emperor's New Groove, Shira Hereld
Moonglow, Roger Jeanotte
Julia, Jeremy Neff
Talk Radio, Kevin Palermo

Generic Theater Company

Freshman Showcase
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf,
Thom Fusco
Fugitive Songs, Natalie Petruch
Proof, Amelia Speight
Detroit, Richard Schiavone

Forbidden Planet Productions

Rocky Horror Picture Show
Next Fall, Alex Copeland
The Last Five Years, Zeke Reed
Legally Blonde the Musical,
Caitlin Mitchell
The Ninth Annual Musical Cabaret
Love Story the Musical, Dillon Lewis
Reefer Madness, Emily Priborkin



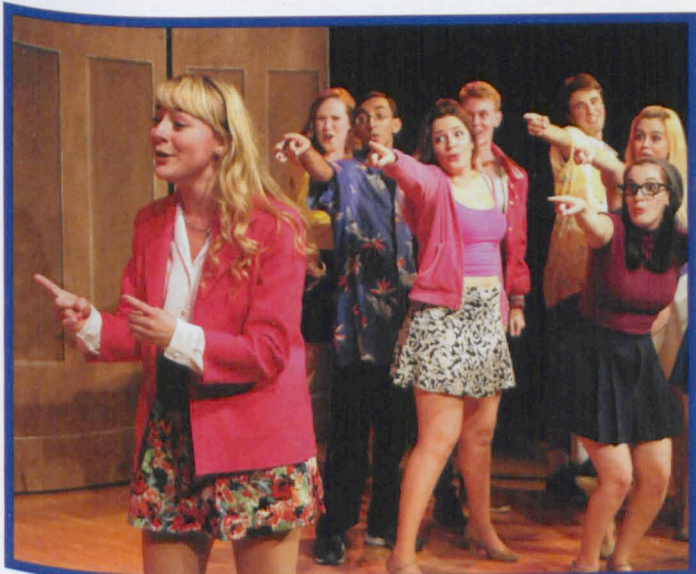
◀ 14th Grade Players

As one of the newer of the four student theatre groups on campus, 14th Grade Players aims to provide students with a wide variety of performances throughout the semester but are known to focus on comedy. During the fall semester, their production of "The Emperor's New Groove" was their biggest show performing out of the West Hall Theatre. In preparation for each performance, 14th Grade Players trained novice theatre students in either the acting or production aspect, as well as allowed the more advanced performers and producers to have a creative outlet.



◀ Generic Theater Company

Founded in 1985, GW's Generic Theatre Company prides itself on being the oldest student theatre company on campus. Each year, Generic hosts their annual Freshman Showcase at the beginning of the first semester, the 24-Hour Play during the spring, and various other plays and musicals throughout the academic year. This past fall, they performed "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" which received great reviews from attendees. To end their season, Generic Theatre Company hosts their own Generic Awards, recognizing cast and crew members who excelled in their duties, as well as the best casts and best plays overall.



◀ Forbidden Planet Productions

Known for their yearly production of the Rocky Horror Picture Show, Foreign Planet Productions, or FPP, was one of the most recognized theatre groups on campus, both by their name and the shows which they perform. This year, FPP performed their 20th annual "Rocky Horror Picture Show" during Halloween weekend, drawing in new viewers as well as veteran watchers. In addition to "Rocky Horror," Foreign Planet Productions hosted "Legally Blonde: The Musical", one of the most anticipated shows on campus during the first semester. During the spring semester, they hosted their annual Musical Cabaret showcase, as well as several other plays and musicals.

With a Perfect Pitch

A Capella groups entertain and give back to the community.

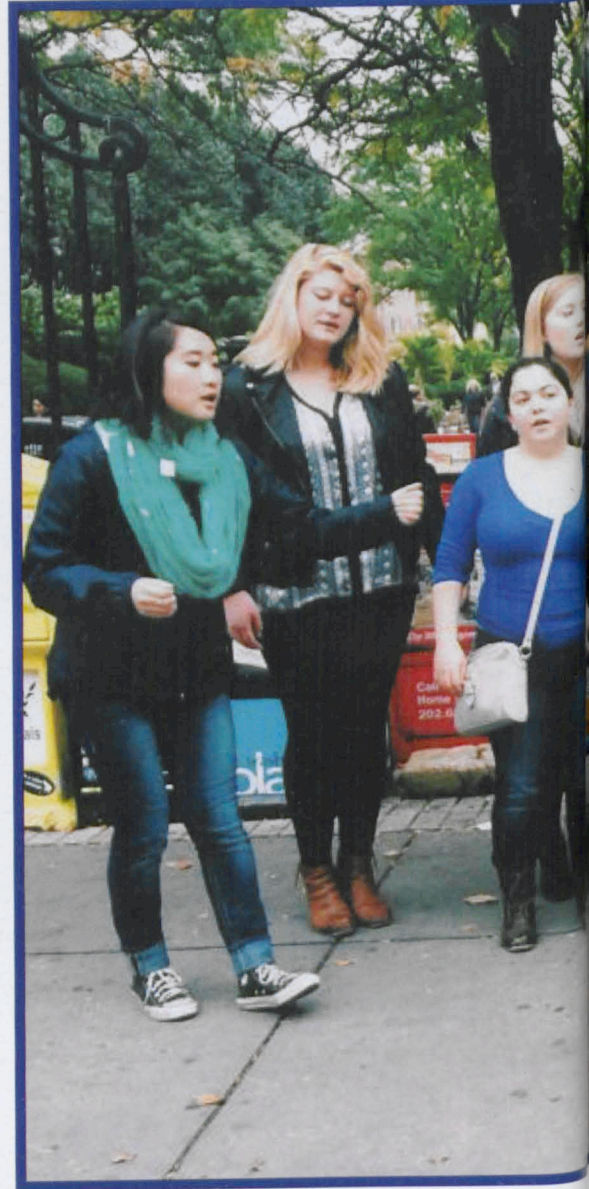
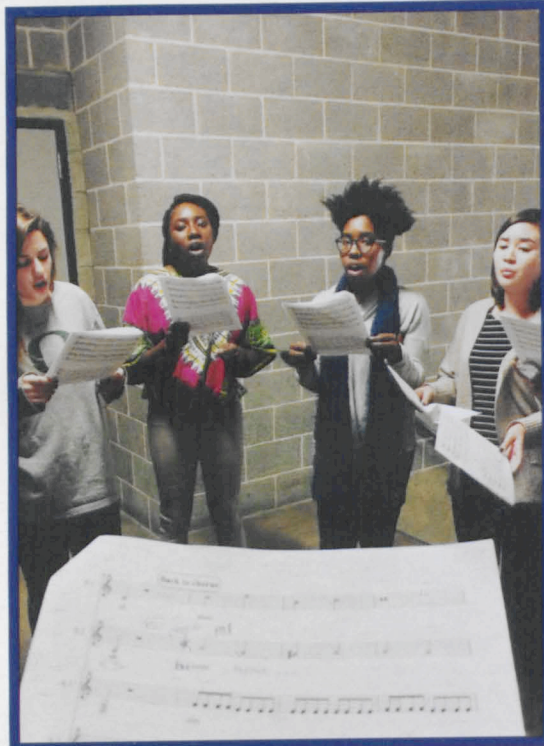
GW Sirens ►

The GW Sirens are one of the all-female a capella groups, performing a variety of music compilations of rock, hip hop, and pop hits. The group of 17 undergraduates of all grades performed throughout the year on and off campus, spreading the name of the GW Sirens.

They began their season quickly with two performances—the annual Student Showcase in Lisner Auditorium and the Multicultural Students Service Center's Block Party—introducing the new Colonials to the Sirens.

The Sirens had a unique opportunity to perform in October alongside one of American University's a capella groups as an opener to the independent a capella group Word of Mouth.

At the end of the fall semester, the Sirens held a Winter Concert in the Mount Vernon Campus Hand Chapel. They performed a variety of holiday songs, in addition to renditions of popular songs of the year.



GW Vibes ►

This past school year marked the 15th anniversary of the GW Vibes. With a big anniversary came equally big performances for the group.

While the semi-impromptu performances in the stairwells of Gelman and out in Kogan plaza remained staple events, they sought to go beyond the limits of campus. Numerous times throughout the year, the Vibes gave performances on the Georgetown Waterfront when the weather was nice. They also maintained their reputation as a high-performing group with their showcases at the White House for the holidays and in the Lincoln center for the Alexandria Harmonizers' Aca-Challenge of 2015.



In addition to the performances, the Vibes held fundraisers at restaurants and online in order to fund their trip to Walt Disney World. They applied and were chosen to perform at the Downtown Disney Waterfront Stage in Orlando, Florida in March.



◀ GW Pitches

At the beginning of the school year, Pitches partnered with the Girl Scouts of America in the "Girls Rock Confidence through Music" event. During this day-long event, the members of Pitches led fun workshops and performed for Girl Scouts troops to show that performing can boost confidence and empower girls of all ages. In the weeks leading up to the event, the group proudly showed off signs that read "The GW Pitches Make Me Confident" to further promote the idea of self-confidence for young girls of DC.

"Being a member of the Pitches has given me a perfect outlet to practice music with others," said sophomore member Blair Guild.

The group also hosted a winter concert titled "The Best Christmas Sweater Party Ever" where they provided a casual and upbeat environment for members of the community during the holiday season.

Sons of Pitch

The all-male a capella group Sons of Pitch continued their tradition of combining a love for performing, philanthropy and brotherhood during their 2014-2015 season. Founded in 2003 making them one of the newest a capella groups on campus, these men have become an established singing force.

Throughout the year, the group perform at a variety of fundraising events, raising money for charitable foundations including the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross.

"I joined in the first weeks of my freshman year. It's been one of the most fun groups that I have been a part of," said sophomore Sons of Pitch member Jack Linnehan.

GW Troubadours

As the oldest a capella group at GW founded in 1925, the Troubadours have maintained a legacy of quality and epic performances.

This year, the Troubs, as they are affectionately called, hosted their annual Acapellapalooza during Colonial's Weekend. Taking place in the Marvin Center Grand Ballroom, the Troubadours and the other a capella groups showcased their new groups for the year for students and visiting parents.

In addition, the Troubadours performed multiple times around campus in Kogan Plaza, Square 80, the Marvin Center and Lisner Auditorium to spread the musical compilations they had created. During the spring semester, the Troubs also finished recording their biennial album of their hit performances from the past two years.

GW Motherfunkers

As the newest a capella group on campus, the GW Motherfunkers have proved their talent through the high-energy performances throughout the year.

The Motherfunkers have performed at a variety of events on campus such as the Acapellapalooza in the fall, SPADE Dance Concert and the Battle of the Acapellas. In addition, the group hosted their first annual Welcome Back Concert at the beginning of the spring semester to "kick off the semester in the funkiest of ways." Although they may be new to the GW a capella game, the Motherfunkers have quickly made a name for themselves and intend to build their reputation in the years to come.

Stepping into the Spotlight

GW Dancers were highlighted in performances throughout the year

Balance ▶

Balance is GW's dance organization created for students interested in the art of ballet and contemporary dance. They encouraged all levels of dancers to audition and participate in their shows, as they provided a medium between the intensive dedication to dance often devoted in high school and the lack of dance many experience in college.

The group hosted and performed two shows during the year: the Nutcracker ballet in December and the Spring Show in the last weeks of the spring semester. The casts auditioned for each show and then the members choreographed the routines for the entirety of the performance. It allowed for dancers of all skill level to learn techniques and improve skills in a non-competitive environment.



GW Bhangra ▶

Known as one of the first collegiate Bhangra teams in the United States, GW Bhangra proudly showed their cultural and school spirit in their performances during the 2014-2015 year. The co-ed competitive team choreographed dances and performed in a traditional folk style dance which originated in the Indian state of Punjabi.

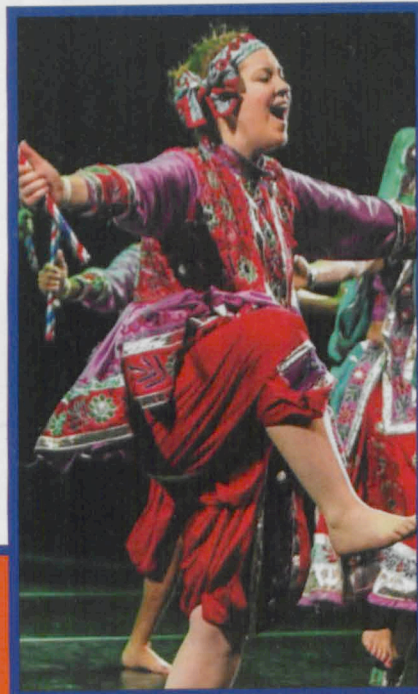
GW Bhangra performed at the Multicultural Students Service Center's Block Party, Colonial Invasion and hosted a Bhangra All Night Party open to all GW students, promoting school spirit through the organization. In addition, the group competed in various competitions including Bhangra Blowout and University of Virginia's Bhangra Night. The team offered a way to combine cultural heritage and artistic expression for the members in a way unique to each of them.





GW Raas continued the tradition of remaining a nationally ranked team this year as they have in the past. Performing routines which draw from a traditional folk dance of the state of Gujarat in Western India, Raas added their own flair and showmanship which has repeatedly won them regional and national awards.

They aimed to spread awareness of Garba/Raas, their style of dance, as well as the spirit of GW. The team traveled around the country, competing in the Raas Chaos XIV, Maryland Masti, Raas Rodeo in Austin, Texas, Miami Mayhem in Miami, Florida and the RAS National Championships in Houston, Texas.



▼ GW Raas



Capital Funk

The Capital Funk team at GW was comprised of students with a passion for dance, music expression, and food. Their style is eclectic as it draws from a variety of dance traditions to form the funk that makes them so unique.

The group performed at events on campus including the Student Performance Showcase and Colonial Invasion. Outside of school, they performed and competed all across the East Coast, including at the SLAM Hip Hop Showcase & Benefit and the Elements XV Competition where they sought to reclaim their title as the top hip hop team on the East Coast.



Club Sports Teams

Club Baseball
 Club Basketball
 Club Softball
 Club Tennis
 Colonial Field Hockey Team
 Equestrian Team
 George Washington Men's Lacrosse
 The George Washington University Golf Club
 The George Washington University Table Tennis Club
 The George Washington University Triathlon Team
 GW Club Badminton
 GW Club Cross Country Team
 GW Club Polo
 GW Club Swimming

GW Club Water Polo
 GW Cycling Team
 GW Fencing
 GW Ice Hockey
 GW Men's Club Soccer
 GW Men's Rugby Football Club
 GW Women's Club Soccer
 GW Women's Rugby Football Club
 Men's Ultimate Frisbee
 Volleyball Club of GWU
 Women's Club Basketball
 Women's Club Lacrosse
 Women's Ultimate Frisbee



Join the Club

Club sports offer a new kind of college athletics

Most students can identify the Division one sports teams that GW has but often look over the numerous club sports available to all students. These teams practice throughout the year and compete against other universities in the area and across the country. They provided an athletic outlet for those not interested in the varsity sports while also maintaining the fun, competitive environment of sports. Some of the club sport teams are not offered as varsity teams on campus such as the equestrian team, while others like the women's club soccer team serve as alternatives to varsity athletics.

"On two occasions this season, the [Men's Club Lacrosse Team] played games against teams that had one of our player's brothers on them. Freshman Jake Fuller played his twin brother on the Central Michigan University team and junior captain Tim Wetzal played his brother on the University of Pittsburg team.

Both games were hotly-contested and exciting match-ups, no doubt fueled by sibling rivalry," said the men's club lacrosse head coach J.D. Englehart.

The Club Sports Council consists of members from a variety of the club sports teams on campus and act as a representative body for the teams within the university. They ensured that the teams and their members were able to participate and travel without difficulties, while also promoting the games and events occurring on campus to get other students involved.

Depending on the team, the club sports practice and play at a variety of venues including the Mount Vernon athletic field, Kettler Capitals Iceplex and the National Mall. Throughout the year, the teams traveled across the country to games and tournaments, proudly representing the Colonials. The club sports members were able to become involved on campus while participating in the sports that they love.



Raynell Cooper



Pursuing a Life Long Passion for Knowledge

While most spend their senior year of high school savoring the last memories with their friends, Raynell Cooper auditioned for, participated in, and then won the 2011 Jeopardy Teen Tournament. The experience allowed him to connect to a network of Jeopardy Teen winners and meet teens from across the country with a similar passion for quiz bowls.

Throughout high school, Raynell was involved in various quiz bowls in his community, ultimately participating in the first year of the National History Bee and Bowl—a national organization which runs regional bees and bowls and a national bowl held in Washington, D.C. Here, he was able to display his knowledge and love for geography and history.

Because he was attending school in D.C. and loved the program, Raynell joined the staff of the National History Bee and Bowl his freshman year at GW doing a wide range of jobs including tournament coordinating for the upward of 90 regional tournaments and traveling to recruit new teams for the Bowl.

In his years with the company, he has faced some crazy situations in the lead up to the tournaments. Before one regional tournament, Raynell had to train a local team advisor to be the new director for the upcoming tournament after learning that the director who had been trained already had contracted strep throat three days before the tournament. Despite these circumstances, Raynell was able to walk the advisor through the training over the phone and “hoped for the best that all would go well.”

As the organization expanded to include international teams, Raynell was given the opportunity to travel to Scotland in the summer of 2013 to recruit teams. From there, he traveled to Rome, Italy to work in the European Championship Tournament—an exciting experience as he was able to see a universal appreciation for history in high school students around the world.

When not involved in the National History Bee and Bowl, Raynell also enjoyed working on GW’s student-run radio station WRGW, where he was able to pursue broadcasting, another one of his passions. His favorite part of working at the station was broadcasting the GW basketball games, both at home and away.

“Always be learning,” Raynell offered in the form of advice to his fellow students. This should apply, he said, whether one hopes to join a quiz bowl team, enjoy a successful career in broadcasting, or tackle any of life’s challenges. “Especially in the information age, there is always something to be learning whether it is from the people you meet or something you read online. From this, you can figure out what is important and what you love.”

Although he is unsure of whether he will continue with the National History Bee and Bowl or broadcasting after graduation at the end of the fall 2014 semester, Raynell Cooper plans to continue to listen to his own advice and learn from wherever his future may take him.

Let Faith Arise

Religious Organizations foster growth and fellowship

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship ►

The GW chapter of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship served the community as a center for gathering and fellowship in the Christian faith. They strived to invite students of all backgrounds "whether they have been a Christian for years or have never touched a Bible before" to reach out evangelically and form relationships with one another.

Every September, the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship meets in Kogan Plaza on Sundays and travels to various churches in the Foggy Bottom and greater DC region. Doing so encourages students to experience the different churches open to the students as most of them have left their home church, as well as get to know the other members of the organization.

On a weekly basis throughout the year, IVCF hosted numerous small group meetings around campus for students to choose from where they studied scripture and communed in fellowship. They also hosted The Well, a weekly large worship time which served as the central meeting time for the group.

One of the unique aspects of the organization was their annual Urban Plunge event. This was a week-long event which differed from other camp-like settings in that it prepared the students for maintaining their faith in the adult world. Each student attended specified meetings along with members from other IVCF chapters on the East Coast that were tailored toward their career paths. This allowed for a more individualized experience and education regarding the unification of a career and faith.



GW Interfaith Council

As the GW community was home to a variety of faiths and religions among the student population, the purpose of the GW Interfaith Council was to build personal connections between the members of different faiths.

The chapter at the GW campus was one of the many chapters across the country which strive to promote religious pluralism. They pursue a goal of respect for all people without regards to their religious background, or lack thereof. The Interfaith Council trains students as leaders in the community to make "religion as a bridge not a barrier" in forming relationships with others.

Throughout the year, they host a variety of gatherings to promote this ideology. The biggest event of the year is the GW Interfaith Dinner during the fall, strengthening the connections between religious groups and students, especially right before the religious holiday season begins.

Agapé Christian Fellowship

Agapé Campus Christian Fellowship at GW is the local branch of the Agapé Mission Church. Based on the Greek word for unconditional love, the non-denominational Christian group sought to spread God's love throughout the GW community.

Each week the group hosted large and small group meetings on campus to build a community of believers and friends within the school. In addition, they offer transportation every Sunday to Maryland for W2.0, their worship fellowship with other Agapé groups from the Baltimore/DC area.

Twice a year the organization travels to a college conference with Agapé groups from 15 other college campuses for a weekend of immersion in spirituality and fellowship. These trips in October and March allow the students to hear from others who share the same faith and build a greater community.



◀ GW Hillel

Aimed to create a community where Jewish students could connect and form relationships with one another, GW Hillel provided a foundation for the Jewish cultural and religious network on campus.

By providing opportunities for the large population of Jewish students at GW, Hillel wishes to promote the ideals of Judaism. Through weekly gatherings, Shabbat dinners, mentorship programs, Hanukkah and Passover events, community involvement and religious studies, they allow for bonding among the students and growth in their religion.

In addition, Hillel partners with other student organizations on campus to outreach to the student population and create a community with GW. In November, Hillel partnered with the Program Board to host GW's Got Talent. This talent competition was open to GW students, with an incentive of performing at Spring Fling for the winner.

These events along with many others were formed in order to spur social and religious interest amongst the members and outreach to those unfamiliar with the Jewish community in the hopes of creating better relationships as a group.

Friends in Faith

Students foster community in
religious organizations

Hindu Students' Association ►

Formerly named GW Satyam, the group changed their name this year to the Hindu Students' Association. Their goal on campus was to create awareness of Hinduism and eastern spirituality as a whole, which can often be overlooked in Western societies.

During the academic year, the Hindu Students' Association organized events to give both Hindus and non-Hindus at GW the opportunity to learn more about their religion and culture through the celebration of holidays, exploring of beliefs and practicing of the lifestyle. Their first event of the year was a freshman dinner which allowed a chance for new students to get to know one another while being introduced to the representation of the Hindu faith at GW. In addition, HSA also held a Navratri Puja and Garba event in September, Diwali Dreams in October, Shivaratri Puja in February and Hanuman Jayanti in March. Each of these focused on aspects of the Hindu faith. Their largest annual event was the Holi celebration in University Yard to celebrate the Hindu festival of colors.

GW Catholics

Coming together at the Newman Center townhouse on F Street, the GW Catholics provide a community of Catholic Christians to grow in their faith and relationships with others. While the Newman Center and GW Catholics are assisted in their religious beliefs by their chaplains Father Greg Schaffer and Father Adam Park, the administrators and missionary staff, the students are largely in charge of taking a leadership role in educating their own and others' spirituality.

During the week, they provide daily masses, adoration and weekly social dinners for the students. These events allow the GW Catholics to come together for the progression of the religion and community. They also held specialized events throughout the year such as a whitewater rafting retreat in September and Christmas caroling in December to tighten the communal values of the student organization.



Serving the large Jewish community at GW, MEOR encouraged its members throughout the year to seek intellectual and spiritual growth on an individual level, as well as by serving the community. The GW chapter of MEOR allowed students to have mentors from the Jewish community, such as rabbis, to aid in their spiritual journey, as well as having students mentor others in the DMV Jewish community.

Each week, GW MEOR

held classes available to all students to educate them about Judaism and to form relationships with others of the Jewish faith. They also held larger gatherings for religious holidays such as Hanukkah and Passover. MEOR also encouraged its members to explore the faith in various communities in local and distant regions, most notably by assisting in planning the annual Birthright trip to Israel.

MEOR ►



▲ Sikh Student Association

The Sikh Student Association promoted awareness of Sikhism on the GW campus in order to foster a better sense of community amongst the Sikh students. In addition, the SSA worked with other organizations outside of the school in order to unite Sikh members from across the DC metropolitan area.

As an act of their beliefs in selfless service, the SSA made the holy meal Langar for GW students of various faiths and identities. This reflected the traditional act of service of Sikhs preparing holy meals for those in the Sikh temple Gurdawara. In addition to this act of service, the SSA did various other services projects, often in conjunction with other service organizations on campus. One of these events was a peanut butter and jelly sandwich drive with the Human Services student organization to prepare food for Miriam's Kitchen.



Cross Cultural Communities

Organizations Offer Students Access to Cultures Beyond America's Borders

The Turkish Student Association

The Turkish Student Association was one of the cultural organizations that grew this year to have a prominent place on campus. They strived to create an environment that would foster community amongst students and the Turkish culture, including introducing the culture to those who have never experienced it.

They hosted various educational and social events such as trips to the Turkish embassy, a Turkish Theatre event with one of Turkey's most famous actors, multiple dinner outings to Turkish restaurants, and casual gatherings on campus. The largest event of the year was the Turkish Night in February. Students and guests celebrated the culture with Turkish folk dancing, food, and coffee; while meeting dignitaries from the Turkish Embassy and other Turkish organizations.

"Coming back from Istanbul for study abroad, I had no idea that there was a Turkish group on campus. With the Turkish Night, I felt like I was back in the country I had come to love and surrounded by students with the same passion," said senior Amanda Rewerts.

In March, they also hosted the Party 4 Peace in the Middle East in conjunction with the Israeli Student Association to raise money and awareness about the millions of Syrian refugees being relocated around the world. It was one of the acts of solidarity that is indicative of the cultural club's accepting community and desire for peace.



Chinese American Student Association

Serving the student body of GW and the greater Washington DC area, the Chinese American Student Association sought to promote Chinese and Chinese-American culture within the community. On campus, CASA worked to create fellowship among the members through their Big/Little mentorship program. This allowed for newer students to campus and the organization to meet other students who had experienced life in CASA and at GW.

The organization held events that would be entertaining for all attendees and that would also introduce the members to the Chinese culture. CASA hosted game nights, chopstick lessons for those who lacked the skill, a Big/Little dumpling mixer and multiple food outings. At the ASA Night Market, members made and sold fish balls and onion pancakes to represent Chinese food culture. Their largest event of the year was their 15th Annual Lunar New Year Show. The event consisted of skits and performances created by the members to celebrate the beginning of the new year.





Black Student Union ▼

Founded in 1968, the Black Student Union provided a place where all students of the African Diaspora at GW could congregate with one another and GW community at large. The BSU sought to encourage the intellectual, political, cultural and social growth on campus by providing educational, service and mentoring opportunities.

The organization participated in the Multicultural Winter Formal, held "Young, Gifted + Employed" workshops with the Center for Career Services about being a black employee and their annual day of service which served as a kickoff to their largest program of the year. The Black Heritage Celebration is a month of events that celebrate and educate the community about their history and where they stand today. The theme of BHC 2015 was "Redefining Black." Their events, including the keynote address by Judy Smith, revolved around this idea of how to define black in the modern day. Some of the events of the Black Heritage Celebration included a symposium titled "Who Are You When the Cops Show Up?" in light of current events, and a Redefining Black art show in Gallery 102.

Philippine Cultural Society ▼

The Philippine Cultural Society combined cultural education with a focus on school work and social engagements to create a closely bound group of students with an appreciation for the Filipino American culture. It was an organization known for having a great time when they gathered together and formed inseparable friendships with one another.

One of the ways in which the Philippine Cultural Society was able to build these bonds between the members of their group was through the Kuya-Ate Program. This mentor program pairs older and younger members together in a "big brother/big sister" dynamic so that they are able to meet others in the group as well as receive guidance in all aspects of life.

"PCS has been my home base at GW since my freshman year. I've met life-long friends within PCS and have definitely enjoyed working with such a fun group these past 4 years," said senior Regina del Carmen, President of PCS.

The group fostered a community through entertaining events such as scavenger hunts, Filipino movie screenings and game nights. During October, they hosted the MaBOOHay Variety and Benefit Show to showcase talents of GW students and other members of the DMV community to raise money for disaster relief following Typhoon Haiyan which hit the Philippines. As a culmination of the year, PCS hosted their annual Tandaan XV event where they showcased multiple Filipino dance styles and celebrated the end of the year.

French Club: Represent the West



One of the lesser known of the many cultural clubs on campus was the GW French Club. They are also unique in that they represent a European culture, whereas many of the other cultural organizations represent Middle Eastern and Asian cultures. Nonetheless, the French Club was just as vital to global representation by promoting the language and culture of such a large European country as France.

The French Club made it their goal to introduce more students to the "similarities and intricacies that unite the Francophone world." They celebrated many of the French holidays during the year such as Noel (Christmas), L'épiphanie (Three-Kings Day) and Mardi Gras. In addition, they participated in many events held

by the French Embassy, including a French film screening and a silent walk following the Charlie Hebdo attack in Paris. As well as the promotion of the French culture, the French Club aided in students learning the French language by hosting language cafés to tutor other students, all in an effort to introduce the GW population to the French world.

One World One GW

Variety of cultural identities
brought together on campus

Indian Student Association ▶

The Indian Students' Association, also known as ISA, worked to provide cultural understanding to both Indian and non-Indian members of the GW community. These included the teaching of values, traditions and lifestyle of the Indian culture.

Throughout the year, ISA hosted various fundraising and social events on campus, including their Diwali Show,

Navratri Garba, Charity Date Auction, and Winter Gala Networking Event at the Indian Embassy. In addition to their own events, ISA partnered with many other student organizations on campus such as the Southeast Asian Association and GW Bhangra to further promote cultural understanding by broadening the outreach.

Pakistani Students' Association ▶

The Pakistani Students' Association aimed to foster and maintain cultural and social values for Pakistani members of the GW community, as well as educate non-Pakistani members about the culture. In addition, they worked to provide a place of understanding for common values of service, leadership and respect for others.

One of their largest events of the year was Rangeen, an annual cultural celebration of Pakistani culture, heritage, customs, music and food, as well as socializing with others in the PSA community. They also had Ambassador Jilani give speak to the group about the political transitions and instability in South Asia, as well as the prospects and avenues for peace and stability within those societies. Others in the group and prepare them if anything were to happen to them out in the world.



Ethiopian Student Association ▶

The GW Ethiopian Students Association worked to enhance the progress of Ethiopian students on campus, increase awareness of Ethiopia within the community, and contribute to the social and economic development of Ethiopians local and abroad. Each year, the organization chose one or several specific charities to support, which received the profits from the group's fundraisers and events. This year, the group raised money for the Nia Foundation, Books for Africa, and the Joy Center for Autistic Children.

The group started the year by holding a celebration for the Ethiopian new year Enkutatash. Throughout the school year, ESA hosted movie screenings, Ethiopian tea and food gatherings, a charity date auction and their annual benefit dinner. Each of these events were held to promote Ethiopian and African culture, as well as to raise money for their chosen charities.





GWU PorColumbia

The GW chapter of PorColumbia was one of the seventeen chapters of the international organization founded on the principles of combining interest in Colombia and a passion for service amongst college students to provide aid to the country. This was achieved through creating a community of Colombians and friends of Colombia, encouraging and assisting members to revisit the country in the future, and inform others about the current situation in the country.

GWU PorColumbia hosted VIII Colombian Student and Professional Conference "Post-Conflict Colombia" in conjunction with Georgetown University in February. The conference hosted multiple speakers from foreign service, academia, government, military and religious fields to hold non-partisan, unbiased conversations about the future state of Colombia and what students could do to aid.



◀ Southeast Asian Association

The Southeast Asian Association at GW represented the countries of Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam which construct the southeast region of Asia in order to provide a cultural unity amongst the multiplicity of identities.

On campus, the group was committed to educating students about the various cultures, history and current states of these countries, aiding international students from the region in their assimilation into American life, and helping other Southeast Asian organizations in the DMV area. They often worked alongside other cultural student organizations at GW to host events, in addition to their own individual activities, the most popular of which are their frequent "Foodie Trips" to local Southeast Asian restaurants.

Raise Your Voices High

Colonials Speak Out to Raise Awareness

Feminist Student Union ►

The GW Feminist Student Union was dedicated to promoting equality for all people in all parts of life, on the GW campus and beyond. Among the many topics which the Feminist Student Union advocated for, the major issues they advocated for included reproductive rights, the rights of workers, the end of violence against women and healthy body images.

Throughout the school year, they hosted several philanthropic fundraising events as well as social events geared to raise awareness about feminism in the student population. Their first major event of the year was Feminist Jeopardy! where they were able to teach about the historical and contemporary state of feminism in an entertaining way and socialize with others who care about feminist advocacy. They also reprised the largely popular Feminist Art Fest and The Vagina Monologues. As a part of Women's History Month in March, the Feminist Student Union and the GW LGBT Resource Center hosted the #TurnUp4Tampons Hygienic Supplies Drive to collect feminine hygiene products and money to donate to a LGBTQ homeless shelter.



◄ Students Against Sexual Assault

At a time when the topic of sexual assault and reform regarding its policies weighed heavily on college campuses across the country, Students Against Sexual Assault worked to provide education and support services to the GW community. Throughout the year, SASA hosted several student-led training workshops where they provided information about sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, sexual harassment, and stalking. In addition, they trained students about how to be a first responder if they witness or know of someone being sexually victimized.

SASA also raised awareness by participating in larger, national campaigns such as the White House-sponsored It's On Us Week of Action. Members of SASA and other GW students also participated in Carry That Weight Day of Action by holding mattresses and pillows in Kogan Plaza all afternoon to demonstrate the insecurity that people face when dealing with sexual assault as well as institutional downfalls in its aftermath. On campus, they sought to improve the policies regarding sexual violence education and support services through relations with Student Health Services and by supporting the addition of education at Colonial Inauguration.



Alliance of Queer Women and Allies

The Association of Queer Women and Allies, also referred to as AQWA, was one of the student organizations on campus that fought for the students of all sexual and gender identities. Focused largely on providing a community for LGBTQ women, they worked to create a community where they are accepted and can promote their inclusion on the GW campus and beyond. AQWA provided opportunities to foster relationships between LGBTQ and other students on campus through their various events. Their largest event during the year was co-sponsoring the Trans Day of Visibility with Laverne Cox on the International Transgender Day of Visibility. Overall, AQWA sought to promote awareness and acceptance of the LGBTQ community and will continue to support it at GW in the years to come.

▼ Allied in Pride

As one of GW's oldest, largest and most prominent LGBTQ student organizations, Allied in Pride aimed to bring support for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning students, as well as their allies. It is an organizations that sought acceptance throughout the GW and DC Metro community as one, rather than being separated by sexual and gender identities.

Allied in Pride hosted a variety of advocacy, social and philanthropic events throughout the year which were open to all GW students. During the fall, they hosted a screening of *The Case Against 8*, a documentary about the battle in the Supreme Court to challenge and overturn California Proposition 8 which banned gay marriage. After the screening, they had a panel discussion with Chad Griffin, the President of the Human Rights Campaign, one of the larger groups that aided in the case. They also held several fundraisers, participated in the Second Annual Multicultural Winter Formal and helped host a discussion on anti-LGBTQ violence with GWPD officer Steve Gallucci.

This year, the organization changed their Allied in Greek event to be hosted as Allied in Greek Week. Rather than holding the amateur drag competition as they had in the past, Allied in Pride chose to extend it to a week-long event which was more focused on philanthropy and raising awareness. The proceeds from the various events in Allied in Greek Week went to Casa Ruby to fund the building of a temporary shelter for trans and gender nonconforming youths experiencing homelessness. This was one of the many initiatives that Allied in Pride takes to further awareness and acceptance of the LGBTQ.



Get Up, Get Involved

Students Participate in Activist Organizations.

▼ Spoken Word Collective



Created this school year, the Spoken Word Collective became the only student organization on campus dedicated to spoken word poetry. The group provided an arena where students felt comfortable to speak publicly and open up their emotions.

Each week, the group held small workshops to develop the members' writing and speaking skills, as well as give them the chance to get to know one another. In addition, the Spoken

Word Collective hosted monthly open mic nights for their members and others in the GW community. The group also participated in student performances around campus and on WRGW.

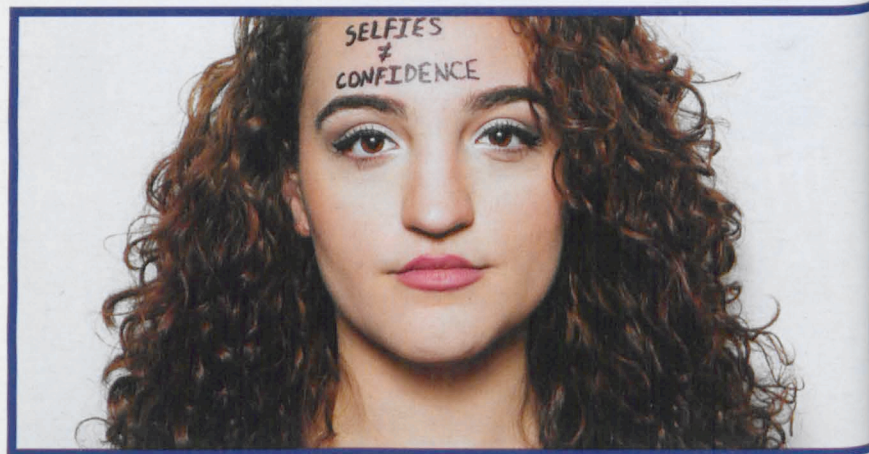
"We're a supportive community that empowers students to express themselves through spoken word poetry, a unique and powerful form of performance," said Spoken Word Collective president Robyn Di Giacinto.



What I Be ►

The GW chapter is one of the many locations around the country where the What I Be Project has been actualized over the past few years. It is based off of the idea that every person has insecurities, struggles and scars but are made up of much more than just these supposed individual faults.

This year, GW What I Be brought back photographer Steve Rosenfield to take photos of participants, revealing what each person believed to be his or her fault and the statement that they are more than this. After taking the photographs, the organization held a gallery and discussion event where the pictures were displayed and some of the photographed students and faculty spoke about why they took the picture. This actualized the goal of bringing peers together through this project to understand that each person struggles in life and that we should support each other through the difficulties, rather than tearing each other down.





◀ Green GW

Founded in 2006, Green GW was an all-encompassing environmental student organization aimed at promoting awareness of environmental issues and implement sustainability efforts around campus.

They participated in and held various events throughout the year which promoted their aims for the GW community and the world. Members explored VegFest, posted District

Department of Environment stickers which warned the dangers of putting trash in storm drains, held a green jobs panel, visited flower fields and participated in the People's Climate March in New York City. Their largest event of the year was the annual Trashion Show, raising environmental awareness in an entertaining way. Students worked alone or in teams to create outfits made out of trash in their room. Member Lauren Singer introduced the night with an explanation about how to achieve a zero-waste lifestyle and the personal and environmental benefits of doing so.

Save the Arts GW

In face of proposed budget cuts to the music and theatre and dance departments on campus, a group of students came together to try and prevent the administration from going forward with these cuts. By doing so, the school would be limiting private music lessons to music majors and minors in addition to cutting most dance classes, among other cuts. Supporters of the Save the Arts GW believed that this contradicted GW's education goals in providing visual and performing arts as a necessary element of learning and development.

To raise awareness at the proposed budget cuts, supporters held an open information session to educate peers on what is being considered at the administration, created a written and online

petition, and reached out to notable alumni and local arts foundations, including Kerry Washington and the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts.

The movement culminated in their 24 hour protest concert held from April 16 to 17. This concert featured a variety of student performers such as the Sons of Pitch and the GW Jazz Orchestra, as well as open jam sessions that featured members of the GW jazz faculty. Supporters came to Veterans Park to watch the performances throughout the concert, even helping break down and set up instruments and equipment when it began to rain.

It is unclear whether the Save the Arts GW movement made an effect on the decisions of the administration in deciding

whether or not to follow through with the budget cuts to these two departments vital to the school's arts program. The movement did demonstrate the amount of love the students and faculty have for these departments and for political activism, overall.



Laugh it Off

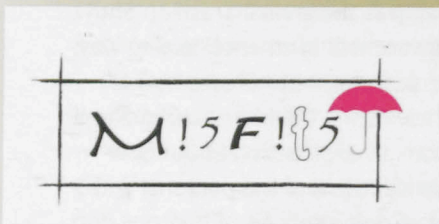
Improv groups provide comedic entertainment

[Insert Here] ►

[Insert Here] is one of the three improvisational comedy groups at GW. The group of 11 comedians were chosen through annual auditions as the wittiest Colonials to represent the troupe.

They began their performance year at the GW Welcome Student Performance Showcase, performing improv comedy alongside receSs to introduce themselves to a new class of students. In addition, [Insert Here] held numerous performances throughout the year in the Marvin Center. A portion of the sales from their March performance were donated to 826DC, a local tutoring and educational program.

Outside of Foggy Bottom, [Insert Here] represented GW at The Highwood Theatre in Silver Springs for an improv comedy night. The group was one of five improv comedy troupes chosen to perform that evening.



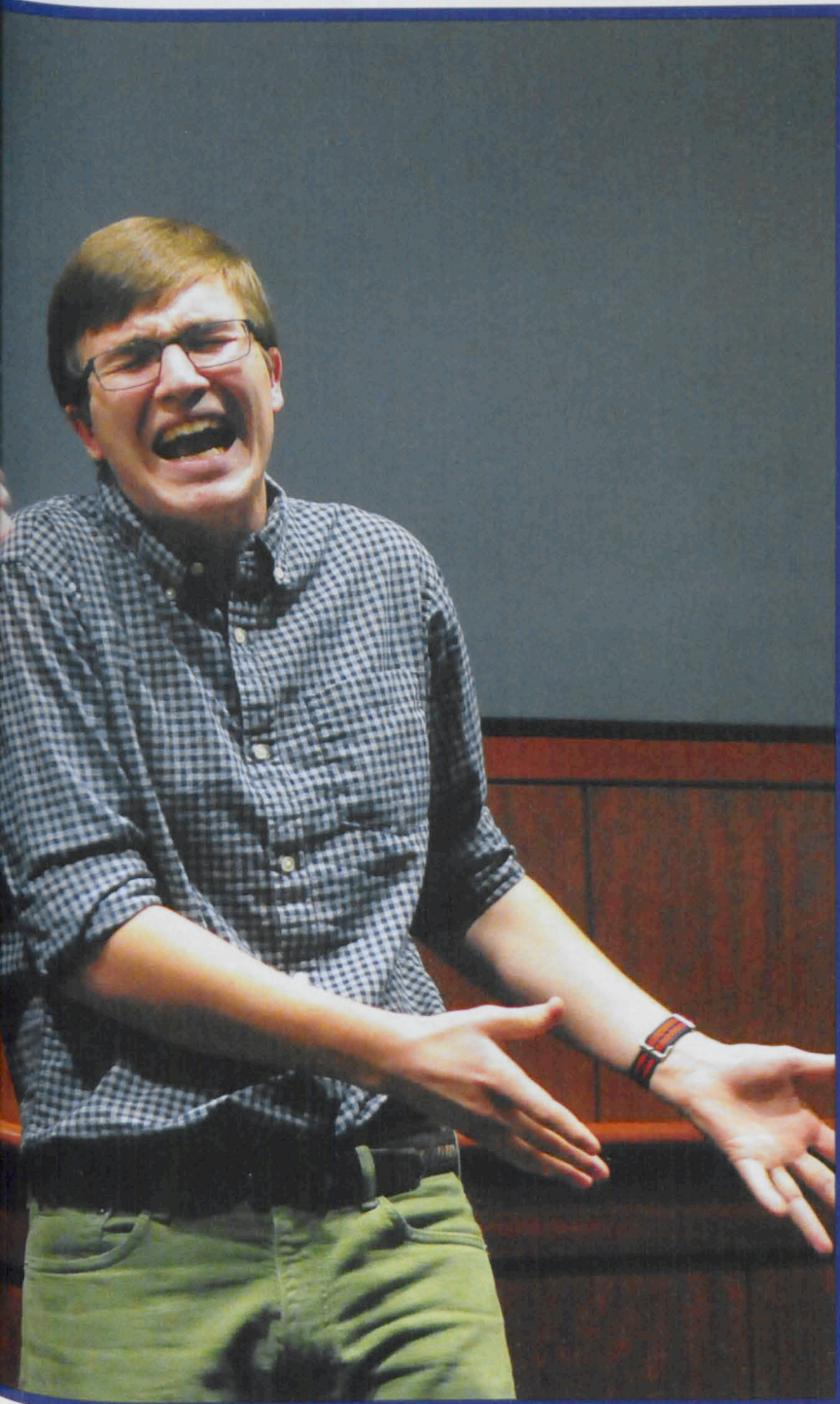
receSs ►

Founded in 1991, receSs has established themselves as an unfailing source of comedic relief on campus. Over the course of the year, they hosted five receSs performances and participated in other GW events. These included the GW Welcome Student Performance Showcase and SLATE: The World College Comedy Festival hosted in the Dorothy Betts Theatre, where they performed along with the Daily Show correspondent Jordan Klepper.

After auditions at the beginning of the school year, receSs added a few new members to the

group. They were showcased at the Halloween/Newbie Show to introduce their comedic talent to the community. This performance embraced the Halloween spirit, with the members and guests dressing up in costumes, handing out candy to the attendees, and playing a Twilight Zone themed comedic video.

"From the first month of my freshman year to the last month of my senior year, receSs has truly acted as my family here at GW. Nothing compares to the memories and relationships I've formed with these people," said senior receSs member Liz Hart.



Misfits: Improv for the Rest ▲

Starting as the new kids on the block, The Misfits have made their name known in the improv community at GW. This seven person improvisational comedy troupe formed at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year with Nicholas Vanden Heuvel personally contacting the others in the hopes of creating a new organization on campus. The Misfits: Improv for the Rest originated with the goal of "[giving] people a small break from their hectic lives so they [could] laugh."

Their first performance was held in Kogan Plaza during first semester's finals week. They planned it at this time so that students who were going to and from Gelman Library could have some comic relief amidst the stress of studying for finals. During the second semester, The Misfits performed as a part of the GW College Democrats' Student Showcase, Mount Vernon Campus' Fountain Day and on WRGW.

"I've had an amazing experience in the troupe. The people are all friendly, hilarious and have made this first year of The Misfits incredibly fun," said freshman member and Misfits treasurer Sean Wesp.

In the next few formative years of the improv troupe, the members intend to increase their number of performances and hold a workshop for aspiring stand-up comedians.



The Newest Leaders in the Capital

Organizations cultivate present and future Leaders

Residence Hall Association ►

Each year the students moving into each of the resident halls elect their hall council for the year, who serve alongside the executive board of the Residence Hall Association to serve the GW community. Because a large majority of students live in on-campus housing, the RHA works to ensure a comfortable living environment.

The RHA is often known for the annual Target Takeover event where they bus GW students to the Columbia Heights Target on the Sunday before classes begin for the Fall semester. While at the store, the members and Target staff set up a variety of giveaways and booths to make it more than an ordinary shopping experience. But this is not the sole responsibility of the Residence Hall Association.

"We do our best to create

leaders in the program who are then able to actively take care of their own constituents, the residents of their hall," said RHA Hall Council Advisor Parth Taparia. "It is not enough to only provide updates to the physical aspects of the housing but to also create a community environment by having conversations with the residents and offering free snacks throughout the year."

This year the RHA provided updates to select halls on campus, as well as building a communal kitchen in the Thurston Hall basement. Their largest event was Martha's Marathon in February. In a live auction, they allowed students to bid on the best housing options for the upcoming year and held raffles for other room options, with the proceeds going to student scholarships.



STAR: Leading Future Colonials to GW

The Student Admissions Representatives, better known as the STARs, acted as the tour guides for prospective GW students. Six days a week throughout the year, the STARs led families and prospective students around the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses.

These representatives are selected to be the faces of the school to visitors, also. This year, they led Ava Lane, the young girl who's viral video of her crying over not meeting George Washington, before she met GW George at the Homecoming basketball game.

In April, the STARs also helped facilitate Accepted Students Days by hosting welcome events and opening their rooms up to prospective students staying overnight on campus. They played a pivotal role in introducing the newest classes of Colonials to campus.



◀ Student Association

Serving as the main representative body for the GW undergraduate and graduate community, the Student Association ensured that they advocated for the needs of the students and the school.

It is modeled after the federal government, comprising of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the organization. SA President Nicholas Gumas and Executive Vice President Avra Bossov lead the executive and legislative branches, respectively, working to promote student needs across campus and provide funding to organizations and projects to improve the school and community.

"Being on the SA has shaped my GW career immensely," said the SA President Pro-Tempore of the Senate Varsha Sundararaman. "I've been able to meet with administrators and talk to them about the state of the school, as well as been given the privilege of being the voice of our entire student body."

This year, the Student Association helped moved the Student Health Center from K Street to the Marvin Center, partnered in the White House's national It's on Us campaign against sexual assault and worked to make it easier for students to receive internship credit.



Raising Leaders to High Standards

Students Act as Leaders for the GW Community

Program Board ►

The GW Program Board was an entirely student-run organization that provided GW students with a diverse range of events to attend during the school year. The executive board comprised of committee chairpersons who were elected to their positions during the March elections.

Each of the committee chairpersons hosted office hours in their suite in the Marvin Center to allow students to contact the representatives about upcoming events and questions. The Program Board hosted multiple screenings of independent and popular movies around the GW campus and greater DC area. In addition, they held larger events such as GW's Got Talent and Capital Clash.

Program Board was most widely known for organizing Fall Fest and Spring Fling in University Yard each year. They have brought a variety of musical artists to campus to provide a free and entertaining event for the students. This year the Cold War Kids headlined Fall Fest, with student artist Bencoolen as an opening act.



Mount Vernon Programing Council



The Mount Vernon Programming Council was one of the lesser known leadership groups on campus, focused on providing events for students on the Mount Vernon Campus. Unlike many other leadership student organizations, the MVPC was comprised mostly of freshmen to reflect the high percentage of Mount Vernon residents that are first-year students.

The organization worked to provide programming events for students to foster community growth. Throughout the year the Mount Vernon Programming Council held gatherings to watch movies, have open mic nights, and dances for students from either campuses. The MVPC also collaborated with other student organizations to host events such as the Vern Harvest.



◀ Class Council

Among the numerous leadership organizations on campus, the GW Class Council worked to maintain themselves as a “small, accessible, non-political organization to which any student can direct his or her creativity and suggestions.” One of the ways in which the Class Council made themselves accessible to students was through their weekly office hours for the students to voice concerns or ideas.

The group met informally on a weekly basis to discuss and plan events for the university and DC community. Each class has representatives from the various schools on campus in order to have a diverse representation

of the student body. This year was the first year that the Class Council representatives were elected by the student body in conjunction with the SA and Program board elections in March.

The most notable events Class Council hosted were GW Lights during the holiday season, Represent: Dance Competition in March and Battle of the A Capellas in April. GW Lights was a new event held this year. The week-long series of events held in Kogan Plaza aimed to de-stress students during finals week. Its name was formed as the Class Council lit up all of Kogan with string lights.

Emily Massel



When Life Gives You Lemons

Two Students Bring Lemonade Stands to Real-Life Business

For seniors Emily Massel and Cayla Machleit, lemonade stands meant more than a childish summer activity. By starting Lemonade Day DC, these women were able to use the otherwise simple activity of setting up a lemonade stand and turn it into an opportunity to teach entrepreneurship and business skills.

In 2007 in a mall near her hometown, Massel was introduced to Lemonade Day as she saw groups of children holding a lemonade stand of the grandest level. These kids were handing out samples, breakdancing and were dressed up all in an effort to gain attention and business. Soon after seeing this, Massel researched and discovered the non-profit financial literacy program Lemonade Day that teaches fourth through seventh grade students across the country about how to successfully run a business.

During their sophomore year at GW, Massel and Machleit partnered to start a Lemonade Day program in Washington, DC. After talking for months with the GW School of Business, DC Council members, DC public schools, corporations like Gallup and Teach for America, and the Lemonade Day headquarters, they were able to create a foundation for the program to begin in March 2013.

Through their connections with GWSB and its First Year Development Program and the Women's Leadership Program, the program gained hundreds of volunteers to work in the aspect of Lemonade Day which is unique to DC. Unlike the other Lemonade Day programs across the country, they included a mentorship program of GW students and other members of the community who went into these classrooms and community sites across DC to teach the business curriculum. By doing so, Lemonade Day DC functioned to benefit both the mentors who teach the business planning, marketing and selling skills, as well as benefiting the students put these skills into practice.

As seniors for the 2014-2015 school year, both Massel and Machleit stepped down from their positions as City Director for the program. Instead, they chose to advise the planning for the 2015 event from a more removed position, helping when necessary, so that others could be trained to take over the program in the years to come.

Cayla Machleit

Over the Hills and Everywhere

Groups escape campus to explore the outdoors.

Almost every weekend of the academic year, GW TRAILS hosted an outdoors adventure for students to embark on, getting them outside of campus and having fun with others. The range of activities varied depending on the week and time of year.

There were numerous hikes to nearby mountains, including the Old Rag Hike and Billy Goat Hike. During the fall, TRAILS transported students to a nearby apple orchard where they could pick and take home their own apples—a trip that was widely anticipated and filled up quickly due to high demand to attend. In the winter months, the group went ice skating, jumped at indoor trampoline centers and climbed at indoor rock climbing facilities.

As well as the numerous day trips hosted throughout the year, GW TRAILS offered overnight and extended trips for those interested in more extreme outdoor adventures. Local overnight trips included white water rafting trips and campouts on the beach. For those who wanted a lengthier experience, there were extended trips available during different holiday breaks, including a week-long backpacking trip along Costa Rica's coastline over winter break.

Although GW TRAILS enjoyed going out on these trips, the ultimate goal was to create a community of adventurers within the school. The organization held smaller gatherings throughout the year to facilitate the group atmosphere, such as the Outdoor Adventure Festival and Cocoa on Kogan. These free events allowed students to spend time together, alongside the TRAILS bear mascot, and get to know others with similar interests in nature.

Whether it is the smaller gatherings in Kogan Plaza or adventuring to foreign countries, GW TRAILS created an environment open to all students, teaching them to appreciate the world we live in and enjoy what it has to offer.



For the Love of the Game

Clubs Gave Students Opportunities to Have Leisurely Fun

Humans vs. Zombies

Based on the premise of a zombie apocalypse, GW Humans vs. Zombies, often referred to as HvZ, offered numerous exciting games throughout the year. In the time since their first year at GW when the organization only held one game per year during the week of Halloween, the group has expanded to host multiple games and events.

The basic rules of HvZ are that each player starts out with a bandana to signify whether they were a human or zombie. All but one player began as humans and the goal was to stay alive as long as possible. Depending on the game, the moderators would impose different missions for the teams to complete, earning a range of points for the team which completed it.

In addition to the iconic games the group held, they organized other activities for the members. These included selling Zombie Grams before Valentine's Day to raise money for Relay for Life, having "Armory Runs" to get Nerf guns and ammunition before games and hosting movie nights to watch zombie thrillers.



JKA Karate Club of GW

Following the tradition of the Japanese Karate Association based in Tokyo, Japan, the JKA Karate Club of GWU provided high quality, traditional, JKA Shotokan karate instruction for GW students and members of the community. Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, the organization met in the Lloyd Gym on the Mount Vernon Campus for practice.

The student organization offered classes for members of all skill levels, starting at beginner level for newcomers who were looking for a community and workout. Throughout the year, the group hosted kyu exams for students to test into higher levels based on the skills learned.

During each practice, the sensei led students in basic warm-ups, stretching exercises, sparring matches and teaching new techniques. The premise of Shotokan karate was to learn the art of punching, blocking, kicking and defending oneself against an attack. Participating in the organization allowed for students to get a work out, meet others in the group and prepare them if anything were to happen to them out in the world.





◀ Tabletop Gaming

The GW Tabletop Gaming Society joined the GW community as a student organization in 2014 and grew to have over 50 active members. They met each week to participate in playing board, card, dice, role playing, and many other forms of games.

The weekly game sessions allowed students to meet one another and enjoy themselves with others who share a passion for tabletop games. The organization also encourages members to attend various conventions and gaming events held throughout the DC area during the year to expand the community beyond the limits of the GW campus. Some of the members have also used their creative ability and love of tabletop games to create their own games, potentially in the hopes of creating a game that attains the title of the highest ranked board game in the world as one former GW student did.

A Thoughtful Community

Students expanded their knowledge by joining academic organizations



◀ GW Women in Business

The goal of GW Women in Business, also known as GWWIB, was to create connections between the academic and professional lives of undergraduate women so that they may be more prepared for careers.

This year, the organization hosted a variety of events for members such as resume workshops, a professional dress workshop with Numari, a personal branding panel, and a site visit with Deloitte. In addition to these, GWWIB traveled to New York City in the fall and held their Annual Spring Conference to provide mentorship and training on a larger scale.

GWWIB's Executive Vice President Abigail Howard said, "My goals as EVP [were] to see membership grow in all of the schools [at GW]. It has been amazing to see how much GWWIB has grown over the four years I have been a member and I can't wait to see where it goes in the future."



◀ GW Classics and Archaeology Club

For those interested in the study and appreciation of ancient civilizations, the GW Classics and Archaeology Club provided a community to delve into their interests. Open to all students without regard to major, the organization aims to spread education of ancient civilizations.

Each month, the Classics and Archaeology Club organized lectures with professionals from the Capitol Archaeological Institute and Archaeological Institute of America, among others. They also coordinated opportunities for members to travel to various locations for an up-close experience with the material being studied. These include a trip the group took to Alexandria, Virginia to participate in archaeological dig on Archaeology Day 2014, as well as numerous study abroad trips to Italy and Greece.

Strategic Crisis Simulation

Founded in 2009, Strategic Crisis Simulations provided an arena for students interested in foreign and national security policy to learn about the necessary actions taken by governments and organizations during the complex situations of the world. During each simulation, the participants were given roles in the process of policymaking, crisis management, and national security leadership as a part of a researched political-military simulation.

Rather than only teaching interested students about the process of foreign and national security, SCS gave them the opportunity to be immersed in the events and learn from the experiences. In addition to the handful of simulations held throughout the year, SCS organized other events for further education and communal gathering such as screenings of television shows and movies related to the subject of diplomacy and security.



◀ National Art Education Association

With the merge of the Corcoran School of Art and Design into GW, the Corcoran School's organizations allowed for a greater opportunity for the GW community to become involved in the arts. The Corcoran/GW chapter of the National Art Education Association worked to "advance visual arts education to fulfill human potential and promote global understanding through arts education workshops and other programming."

During the MLK Day of Service and Leadership, the NAEA helped coordinated an event which presented opportunities for community engagement through art as one of the first major collaborations involving GW and Corcoran students. The high school and college students attending the workshop were shown how new media, including the use of iPads, could be used to make arguments, present ideas or make social commentary.

Standard Message and Data Rate



Excellence Award Recipients

The Baer Award for Individual Excellence: Andie Dowd, Chris Evans, Omeed Firouzi, Ari Massefski, Laura Porter
The Class of 2005 9/11 Memorial Scholarship: Veronica Hoyer
The Class of 2009 University Pride Award: Andie Dowd
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award: Nicholas Gumas, Fizza Shaikh, Farah Albani, Floyd Jones
The Graduate Award for Individual Excellence: Maja Cavlovic
GW Student Employee of the Year: Jessica Stevens (Undergraduate), Doyon Won (Graduate)
GW Wall of Fame: Dr. Malinda Whitlow, Dr. Tara Radin, Brian Doyle, Ian Mellul, Lauren Davis, Giovanni Mahonez
Honey Nashman Spark A Life Award for Faculty Member of the Year: Dr. Kelly Sherrill Linkous
Joint Committee of Faculty and Students Scholarships for Undergraduate Student Leadership Development: Michella Sparks, Chris Evans, Evan Nielson, Victoria Goncalves
Manatt-Trachtenberg Award: Zac Ruckert
The Marc A. Zambetti Award: Andrew Avitabile

Mount Vernon Award: Kendall Meyer
Outstanding Student Service Award: Gabriella Malek, Aislynn Raymond, GW Alternative Breaks (Group)
Resident Advisor of the Year: Ashley Trick
Robert A. Chernak Spark A Life Award for Staff Member of the Year: Dean Lisa Schenck
#OnlyatGW Photo Contest: Gianna Gagliardi
Excellence in Diversity Award: GW South Asian Society and Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/ Lambda Pi Chi Sorority Inc.
Learning Through Action Award: Lemonade Day DC
Pyramid Award for Student Organization of the Year: Allied in Pride, Students Against Sexual Assault, Residence Hall Association
Students' Choice for Performance Group of the Year: GW Law Revue
Greek Chapters of the Year: Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Delta Pi and Kappa Phi Lambda
Greek Woman of the Year: Katie Takeuchi (Phi Sigma Sigma)
Greek Man of the Year: Tim Kenna (Delta Tau Delta)



Best of the Buff and Blue

GW celebrates student achievements at the Excellence Awards

This year marked the 30th anniversary of The George Washington University's Excellence in Student Life Awards. Held on April 15, 2015 in Lisner Auditorium, members of the faculty, staff and students came together to celebrate the achievements of individuals and organizations over the past year.

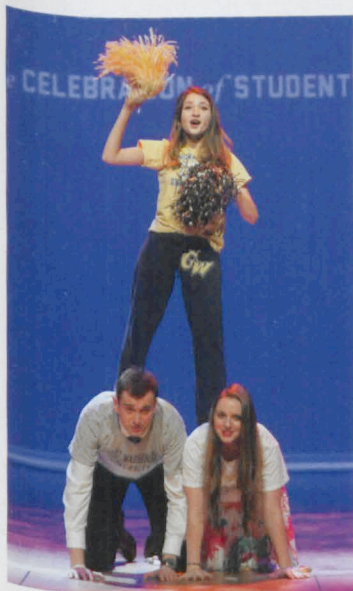
The night was led by three GW seniors who were chosen to be the emcees for the event: biochemistry major Niki Nourmhamadi, political communication major Stephen Nelson, and communications major Nejla Day. They kept the audience engaged with various skits and raps to maintain the positive, upbeat mood of the evening.

Each of the 23 awards were presented by a variety of members wof the GW community including alumnus, professors, relatives of some of GW's first students and administrators. The nominees for each award were selected through various nominations, and the recipients were

decided by a committee of faculty and students. These recipients represented the best of GW's students as they were involved in numerous activities on campus including student organizations and sports and made notable impacts on the GW and DC communities.

Throughout the ceremony, the Voice Gospel Choir, GW Pitches, Sons of Pitch and the GW Law Revue performed in the hopes of receiving the Students' Choice for Performing Group of the Year, the only award chosen outside of the awards committee. After each performance, members of the GW community attending the Excellence Awards, as well as those not present, were able to text in to vote for their choice. At the end of the event, the polls were tallied and the GW Law Revue was announced as the recipient of the award.

At the end of the night, attendees went to Kogan Plaza for a dessert reception to celebrate the recipients and their achievements.



Roxanne Goldberg



Art in the District and Beyond

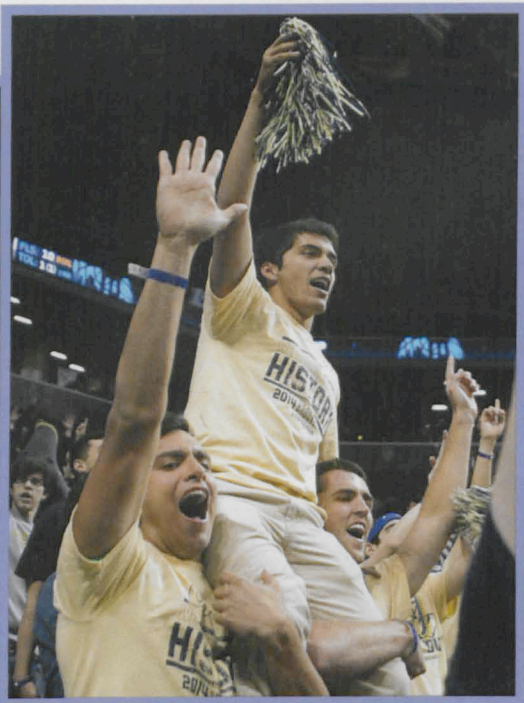
Senior Roxanne Goldberg
found love in art around
the world

A single class changed the future of GW Class of 2015 student Roxanne Goldberg. At the time, she was a freshman interested in political science interning on Capitol Hill. But in the Survey of Western Art course, Roxanne's love for art had flourished, realizing "the hours [she] looked forward to were those spent reviewing art history flash cards and visiting the National Gallery." Four years later, she has moved to Berlin, Germany after graduating where she intends to continue work in the arts in the hopes of attaining a Ph.D. and becoming a museum curator.

Throughout her college experience, Roxanne has been involved in a variety of internships and jobs that allowed her to gain a more rounded understanding of art history, criticism and exhibit curation. Whether she was writing art criticism for the internationally distributed Hi-Fructose Magazine or working with contemporary artists from Beijing at the Thomas Eller Studios in Berlin, she found that each opportunity allowed for her to build her background in the field before pursuing a career.

For Roxanne, her most influential experience was a six-month position as a curatorial intern in the department of Islamic and South Asian art at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, Maryland. She worked closely with the associate curator of Islamic and South Asian Art, Dr. Amy Landau, who "has and continues to be one of [her] most inspiring mentors." As curatorial intern, Roxanne researched and selected objects for exhibition for the international loan show *Pearls on a String: Art in the Age of Great Islamic Empires*. In addition, she worked alongside Dr. Landau to develop the concept and research for another focus show.

On the GW campus, Roxanne also worked with the Fine Arts and Art History department and Gallery 102 to create, what she believes to be some of her most proud, exhibitions. During her last semester at GW, Roxanne curated the gallery's exhibition *LEGAL: Branco, Gen Duarte, Tikka, Nick Alive, and Vermelho*. This was the first exhibition of Brazilian street art not only at Gallery 102 but also in the greater DC region. In the process of bringing the exhibition into actuality, Roxanne faced some challenges including the communication barrier between her and the Portuguese-speaking artists, requiring to her to depend on her co-curator to also act as a translator. *LEGAL* became the first exhibition that she created which traveled to another venue after its debut, going to the art gallery Porter Contemporary in Brooklyn, New York. Her last exhibition with GW was *Sensorium: The Art of Perception* which featured a two-day symposium with fourteen scholars and practitioners from DC universities and the wellness community who each presented topics related to the infinite potentials of the conscious and unconscious mind, ranging from a professional visual artist to Cuban shamans. Being able to "assemble great minds to discuss ideas of great import and curiosity...was the perfect way to both close the chapter of [her] undergraduate education and to open the next epoch in [her] personal, professional and academic life."



The Spirited Student Section

Colonial Army cheers on GW sports

Clad in buff and blue at each game, the Colonial Army represented the spirit that GW students had by cheering on the athletic teams at both home and away games. The group was most prominently seen in the Smith Center during men's and women's basketball games but also supported many other varsity sports teams such as women's volleyball, men's water polo and both soccer teams.

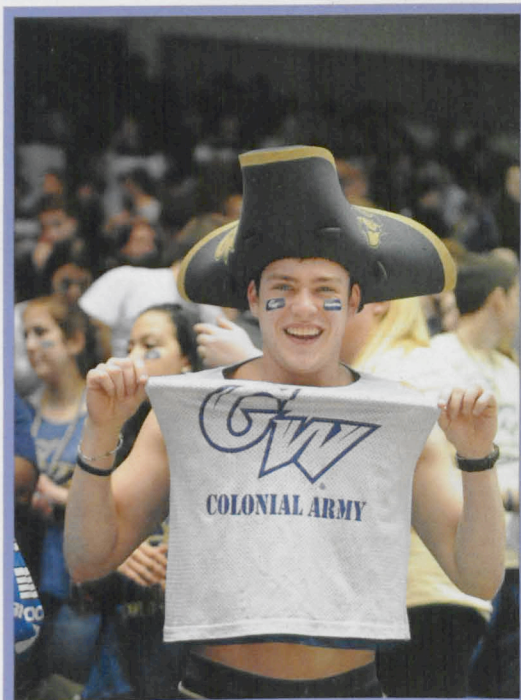
This year, the Colonial Army debuted their buff-colored shirts for the home opener of the men's basketball season. The back of the shirts read "Sit Down For What"—a saying indicative of the high energy which the students of the Colonial Army had at each game. Throughout the games, the Smith Center filled with the screaming voices emanating from the Colonial Army section as they encouraged the teams towards victory.

For many of the Colonial Army members, one of the most intense moments of the year was when the GW

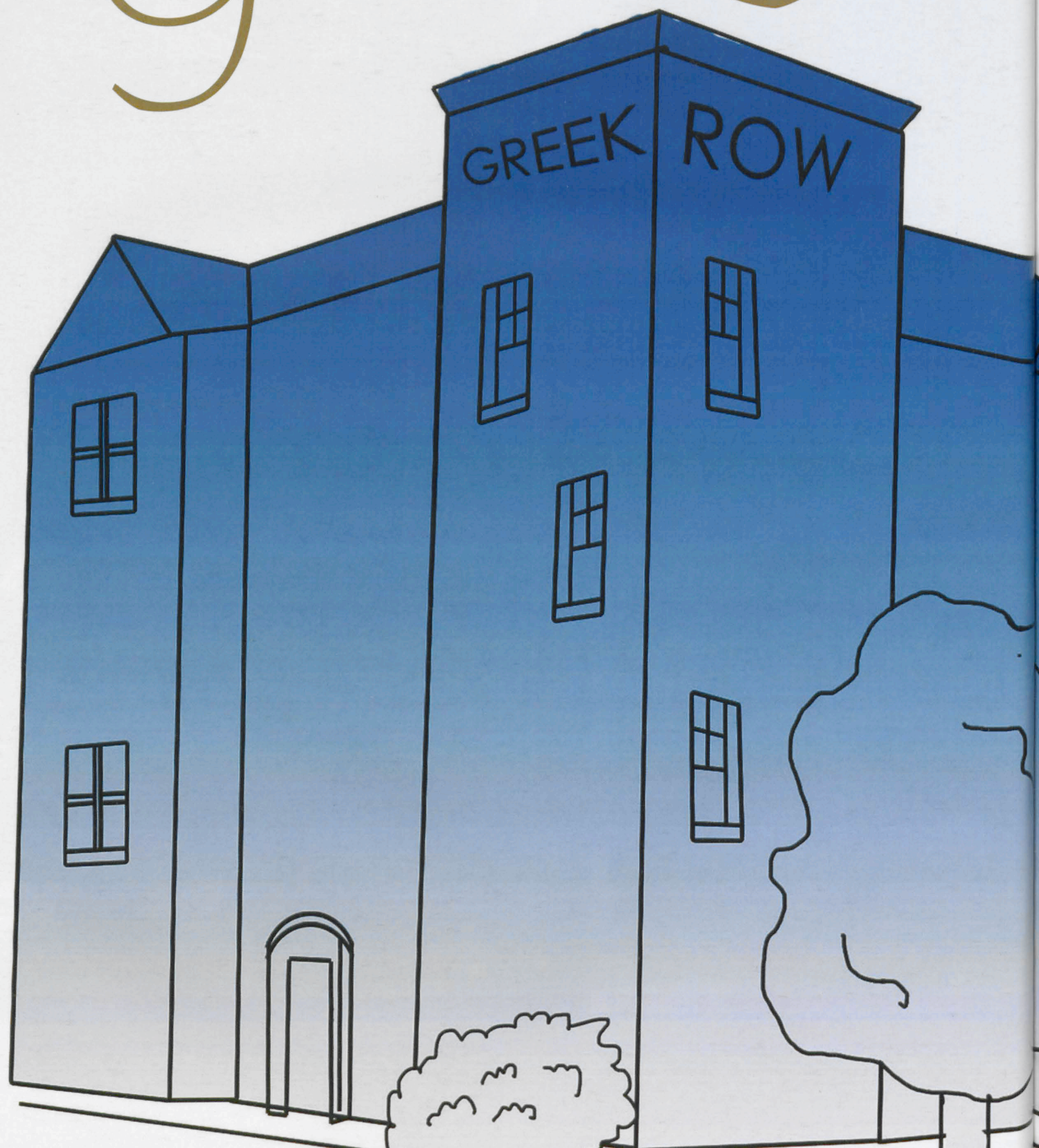
Men's Basketball team beat Dayton in overtime at the buzzer as Joe McDonald made the game-winning basket. The Colonial Army jumped up in celebration and went crazy in the stands in reaction to the last-second win for the Colonials.

"The Dayton game was crazy in the most amazing way. When he made that shot I'm sure Barack could hear the cheering all the way from the White House," said freshman Carlee Russell who was in the Colonial Army at the game against Dayton.

In addition to supporting sports playing at home, the Colonial Army made trips to watch away games at schools in Fairfax, Virginia and Brooklyn, New York. When the men's basketball team participated in the NIT Tournament, they also gathered fans to travel to the games. For the women's basketball games in the NCAA tournament, the Colonial Army hosted viewing parties on campus so that the fans could cheer on the team from DC.



Greek Life



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Greek Greatness

The men and women of greek life strive for greatness.

The Panhellenic Association serves as the connection between sororities and the university. Comprised of eleven chapters and over one-thousand women, the Panhellenic Association included almost 32% of the undergraduate female population. The board worked with delegates from each chapter to ensure that all voices were heard and that each chapter was represented effectively. Each Panhellenic chapter has a national philanthropic cause or foundation for which they raise money. Panhellenic chapters partnered with fraternities to support their national foundations, forming important connections within GW Greek life.

The Inter-Fraternity Council at The George Washington University was created to unify social fraternities under the common bond of brotherhood. Their goals included improving life on campus and enriching the communities surrounding GW. Fraternities on campus fostered friendships and allowed for opportunities to participate in social events such as mixers, retreats, date parties, and formals. Each of the fifteen chapters at GW played an important role in providing a life-changing experience for many young men. The IFC executive board serves as the governing body for the chapters. Along with the president of each chapter, the IFC sought to promote unity between chapters as well as connections with other Greek organizations through programming and community-building.







A

nother Form of Greek

AGC and MGC provide opportunities to form bonds with people of similar interests and backgrounds.

The Multicultural Greek Council is comprised of historically African-American, Latino, and Asian interest fraternities and sororities. MGC serves to enhance cultural awareness and increase development of individual chapters while improving collaboration with the Greek community. Each MGC chapter has a unique mission relating to its cultural interest and founding. Multicultural Greek Council gives students the opportunity to celebrate their heritage and share it with the rest of the GW community.

The Alternative Greek Council is the governing body for professional, academic, and community service-based Greek life at GWU. AGC includes organizations with focuses ranging from science to international affairs to business. This year, there were twelve chapters with over six-hundred members. The role of the AGC executive board was to promote Alternative Greek life and support the organizations they governed. Each year, they host an Alternative Greek Week in the spring semester. President (2014) Si Chen explains, "This event builds strong ties within our community and allows our member organizations to engage in some friendly competition to win money raised for the charity of their choice."



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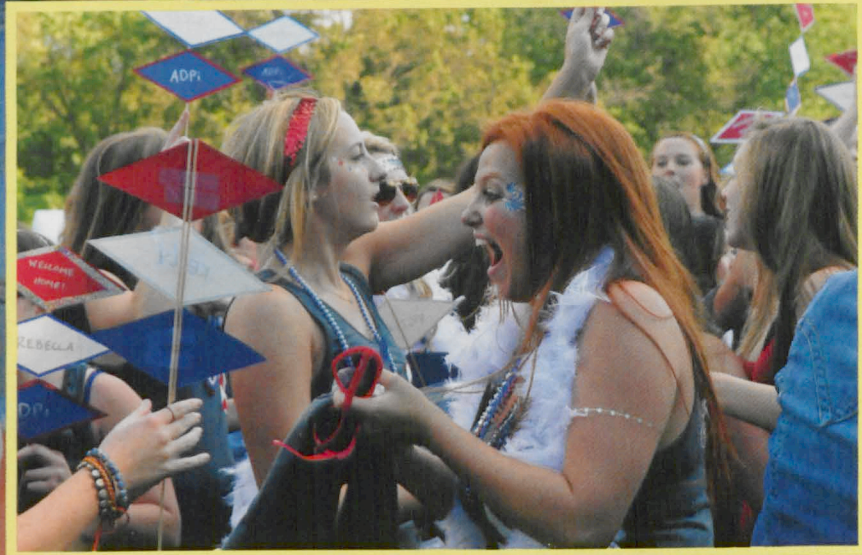
Bid Day was the highlight of every sorority girl's year, the day that they became part of a community that would shape their college experience and lives.

On September 16, the Panhellenic community came together to rejoice in what was certainly an important day for many: Bid Day. The family that is each chapter grew as the Panhellenic community welcomed hundreds of new sisters. This year, over seven-hundred girls went through recruitment. This resulted in more girls than before in GW's recent sorority history getting placed into chapters.

After four exhausting days of recruitment, sisters could finally shift their focus to welcoming new members, and those who went through the other side of the process could finally settle into their new chapters. Bid Day is a celebration of sisterhood and coming home. The chapters stood in a circle cheering on the National Mall as they waited for their newest additions to run into their open arms. Pi Ro Chis, sisters who disaffiliated temporarily in order to lead potential new members through recruitment, revealed their letters and were welcomed back into their sisterhoods. Sisters and new members embraced, all excited for the good times to come.

In the next few weeks, sororities hosted many new member events, including chapter retreats, dinners, and movie nights. Bigs and littles were revealed, and family lines were extended. Bid Day was the beginning, but sisterhood has no end.





Let's get started!

The Greek Kick-off Carnival brought together members of all greek organizations to start the year.

This year, the Panhellenic Association, Inter-Fraternal Council, and Multicultural Greek Council hosted a Greek Kick-Off Carnival. Coming on the tails of successful recruitments for all organizations, the Greek Kick-Off brought together all Greeks, new and old, to celebrate the start of a great year and show that students who go greek are more than their letters. The event included free food, a dunk tank with Center for Student Engagement staff like Tim Miller being dunked, an inflatable obstacle course, a jousting arena, and live music. The Kick-Off was a successful start to a great year for the GW Greek community.





Greek Champs

This years movie-themed Greek Week brought excitement for days with activities and fun competitions.

Each year, the Greek community bands together in friendly competition during the queen of all weeks - Greek Week. The 2014 competition was entitled "Lights, Cameras, Greeks." Each team was comprised of MGC, IFC, and Panhel chapters, and teams were named after high profile movies. From Grease to Gatsby and Indiana Jones, Greek chapters jumped into character and prepared to win. The week kicked off with Skit Night, and chapters came equipped with elaborate dances and costumes. The competition continued with a Scene It Quest, Canned Sculpture Competition that doubled as a food drive, Senior Class Gift Donations, and an inaugural Greek Day of Service. The first-ever Greek Day of Service event brought

out more than 650 volunteers. The Greek community proved that they were certainly more than their letters by providing 2,500 hours of service in total. Of course, at the end of the week one team was designated the winner. This year, the trophy went to Pirates of the Caribbean, comprised of Chi Omega, Zeta Beta Tau, and Zeta Phi Beta. Jacquie Bigot, a sister of Chi O, expressed that "It was awesome seeing all of Chi O get excited about our theme and I'm so glad ZBT and Zeta Phi Beta came into the week with the same enthusiasm!" The long week of competition only led to more cohesion within the Greek community and evidence that Greeks are more than their letters.





P

laying the Field

Sorority and fraternity intramural leagues were an opportunity for some friendly competition and a chance to show off chapter spirit.

Intramurals are where the competition gets fierce. The sorority and fraternity leagues participated in a variety of sports throughout the year. Chapters came out in full force to cheer on their brothers and sisters during the fall season, which included soccer, volleyball, flag football, wiffleball, table tennis, paddle boat race, and the newly added pickleball. The hottest sport of the season seemed to volleyball, which came down to Phi Sigma Sigma and Alpha Delta Pi for the Sorority League. After a heated playoff game that drew huge crowds donned in chapter swag, ADPi took the gold. Meanwhile, Pi Kappa Phi defeated Zeta Beta Tau in the Fraternity League playoff game. Pickleball- a combination of badminton, Wiffle ball, and table tennis, played in the racquetball courts- was added to the intramural repertoire this year, opening up more opportunities for organizations to show their strength and spirit. Intramural seasons drew athletes and high spirits to Lerner Health and Wellness for a chance to show that their chapter would compete to win.





Making a Change

GW's fraternities are changing lives and communities in the face of adversity.

With all the negativity surrounding Greek life in the media, GW's Inter-Fraternity Council has proved that being a member of a fraternity is about more than the social aspects with their commitment to their philanthropic causes.

Each year, fraternities have the opportunity to invite the Greek and GW community to participate in their philanthropy week, usually featuring competitive games and activities, as well as a fundraising component.

Zeta Beta Tau's Get on the Ball raises money for the Children's National Health System. Throughout the week, brothers can be spotted rolling a six-foot ball throughout the campus collecting signatures, which serve as a fundraising opportunity. ZBT's week of events also included a cape decorating event, a social event, ZBTahiti, and a kickball tournament on the national mall. The brothers love working to raise money for such an important cause each year.

Kappa Sigma's Project Valor supports

wounded veterans and raises money to help them with bills and other necessities. This year, the brothers were raising money to support David Bixler and his daughter. David lost his legs when his unit was ambushed while serving with the Army's 101st Airborne Division. He is the primary caregiver for his daughter, and Kappa Sigma alongside chapters of the Greek community raised money to help him pay for everyday expenses and to create a trust fund to help pay for this. Their week of events included a soccer game, a social media challenge, and fundraising events at Jetties.

In addition to these two chapters, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Tau Delta, the Kappa Alpha Order, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, and Sigma Phi Epsilon all hosted philanthropy weeks of their own. Within the entire Greek community, they have helped to raise over \$300,000 for various philanthropic causes.





Friendly Competition





Panhellenic sisters give back to the community with a little friendly competition among Greek Chapters

It's no secret that GW is well known for the drive to give back to the local and national community and those in need and sorority life is no exception. Throughout the academic year, sororities can often be found hosting bake sales, fundraising events and trunk shows in order to raise money for causes that are important to their chapter.

This year the Greek life community came together to support Alpha Phi sister, Zoe Alves who was diagnosed with Stage 4 Lymphoma this year. They held a one day event featuring food, blow-up sumo wrestling, and other games which all benefited the Leukemia & Lymphoma

Society. In addition to these events, all GW Greek housing changed their door signs to say "I am Team Zoe" in order to show their support for Alpha Phi and Zoe.

In addition to these events, Kappa Delta hosted Shamrock Wars, which raises money for the Prevent Child Abuse in America Organization. Their week included penny wars, bake sales, and capture the flag on the national mall.

Pi Beta Phi hosted their annual Arrowstrike, a wiffleball tournament that benefits the First Book Foundation and children's literacy. The events included on campus fundraising, and of course the wiffleball tournament on the national mall.

Phi Sigma Sigma hosted their annual Sapphire Cup. This year was especially excited because they recently received their new philanthropic causes, Practice Makes Perfect and the Kids in Need Foundation. Throughout the week the women hosted a Roti fundraiser, an Alex and Ani fundraiser, a brunch in their house, and a soccer tournament on the national mall.

In addition to these chapters, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Sigma Delta Tau, Sigma Kappa all hosted their own philanthropy weeks helping to contribute to the \$300,000+ that the GW Greek community has raised this year.

B

uilding a Better Community

Members of the Multicultural Greek Council and the Alternative Greek Council better the community by giving back to the GW, local, and national community.

The Multicultural Greek Council places large emphasis on giving back to the community. Their service focuses on specific ethnicities and cultures, uniting to serve as an advocate for their respective communities. Members of the MGC community understand that the primary important of their membership falls on the ideals of service and education at GW.

Multicultural Greek life's dedication to serve the GW community is evident through different chapters' involvement in community service. The year Multicultural Greek life was involved in community service that benefited both the GW and local D.C. communities.

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted "Red Alert" week, the week included events such as "Watch Yourself! Are you REDy" a self-defense class to help you strengthen the mind, body, and spirit to be prepared for any situation. The week also included an event titled, "EmpowerRED" an event dedicated to celebrating Earth Day by teaching people about the proper way to sort recyclables and how to reduce your carbon foot print.

Iota Nu Delta Fraternity, Inc. has had a three year partnership with Little Friends for Peace. The brothers volunteer at the Perry School Community Service Center serving those who are less fortunate than others. The brothers also worked with the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta preparing food at DC Central Kitchen.

Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Iota Nu Delta, Kappa Phi Lambda, Lambda Pi Chi, Pi Delta Psi, and Sigma Psi Zeta all participated in the first Multicultural Greek Council Showcase: In It to Win It. The chapters showcased their talents in Kogan Plaza where Pi Delta Psi Fraternity, Inc. was awarded first

place. The event honored the MGC newest members of the MGC community and was a send off for the graduating MGC seniors.

Each year the Alternative Greek Council participates in Alternative Greek Week, a series of events planned to bring Alternative Greek Life closer together and more united. Alternative

Greek Week took place April 12th-18th, 2015 and the theme was Around The World In Seven Days. Each event throughout the week was a celebration of Alternative Greek life.

The Event kicked off with a BBQ hosted by Delta Sigma Pi and Alpha Kappa Psi. Chapters gathered in Square 80 to celebrate the start of Alternative Greek Week.

The following days of competition featured themed events based on the chapter that was sponsoring them. An engineering night sponsored by Theta Tau and Alpha Omega Epsilon; a service night sponsored by Epsilon Sigma Alpha and Alpha Phi Omega; a game pentathlon hosted by Delta Phi Epsilon and Sigma Iota Rho; Trivia night hosted by Phi Sigma Pi; a field day hosted by Delta Epsilon Mu; and the closing ceremonies were hosted by Alpha Chi Epsilon.

Because each chapter hosts or co-hosts their own events that the entire AGC community attends, Alternative Greek week promotes Greek Unity and a greater understanding for the other chapters because they play off of each chapters strengths and passions.

The week culminated with the closing reception hosted at Alumni House. All the chapters gather for food, games, and to celebrate the strength, coordination and agility they were tested on throughout the week. Delta Phi Epsilon won, receiving a trophy and money to donate to their chapter's philanthropy.





A background photograph showing a group of people, likely students, sitting at a table in a casual dining setting. In the foreground, two pizzas are visible on white plates. The pizza in the immediate foreground is topped with olives, red peppers, and other vegetables. The pizza behind it is a pepperoni pizza. The people in the background are slightly out of focus, but one woman in the center is looking towards the camera. The overall atmosphere is social and relaxed.

Order of Omega

The greek honors society where
greek leaders connect and excel

The Order of Omega is the leadership honors society for fraternity and sorority students. To be considered for membership individuals must show community involvement, leadership skills, and academic success. The goal is to bring together the best of the best of Greek leaders to represent on intercollegiate fraternity affairs. Inductees must be of junior or senior status, maintain a minimum 3.16 grade point average, and have been a member of their Greek organization for at least one year. Order of Omega is comprised of members of all Greek organizations, which gives members a great opportunity to represent their letters as well as work together as representatives of the Greek community as a whole. The organization hosts networking and community-building events. Members express a desire to be a part of the organization because of the values and aspirations that are shared among members. The strong emphasis on leadership provides for a unique opportunity to work with others of the same caliber to develop all of the organizations that members are a part of, as well as improve personal leadership skills.

A Woman Representative

Tiffany Jones tackles being Vice President of Recruitment, a member of the cheer team, and a successful student

Tiffany Jones holds perhaps the most influential position in the Panhellenic Association. As Vice President of Recruitment (VPR), she oversees the process that chapters need to survive. Realistically, without Tiffany and the three women on the recruitment team, formal recruitment would not happen. Her role involves orchestrating the logistics of recruitment, planning the Pi Rho Chi recruitment counselor program, and coordinating with national organizations. "The reason why I decided to run for VPR is because I love recruitment. I had such an amazing recruitment experience and wanted to share it with as many people as possible," Tiffany explained. In addition to her work with Panhellenic, Tiffany serves as co-president of Students for Education Reform, as well as participates as a member of the Cheer Team. Tiffany's passion for education stems from her belief that it is the foundation for everything. She has her sights set on a future in education policy reform. Her position on the Cheer Team came naturally; after cheering since second grade, she described her desire to continue the sport by supporting the Colonials as a "force of habit."

To Tiffany, being a Panhellenic woman is about bringing the community around her together and being the best she can be, so she can help everyone else do the same. That's accomplished by helping those in the surrounding community on both personal and Panhellenic levels. If asked by a potential new member why they should go Greek, Tiffany would explain that going Greek is the best way to make the most of your college experience and have exposure to everything from academics to art to social life to professionalism. Through Greek life, she has gotten internships and found opportunities to explore the city. Greek life, in Tiffany's eyes, is the way to make the most out of the environment that we're in. The biggest thing that Tiffany has gotten from Greek life? "People challenging me to be better in every aspect, not just through competition. People motivating me to be the best I can be. I really just want everyone to reach their own potential and having people who care about that is how you start. That's my big take-away."



Tiffany Jones

Leaders Forming Bonds

The retreat was a time for Greek leaders to meet, reflect, and kickstart the year.

To kick off a year of new leadership, the Panhellenic, Interfraternal, and Multicultural Greek Councils joined together at the Greek Leadership Retreat. Chapters were represented by their presidents, delegates, and other members. In addition to social and cultural organizations, the executive board of the Order of Omega, the leadership honorary society for fraternity and sorority students, joined on the trip.

The weekend included icebreakers to bring together individuals who may not have had the opportunity to meet in other settings. Each council had the opportunity to explain their recruitment and member develop-

ment processes, as well as answer any questions regarding their particular manners of operating. There was intensive conversation regarding how to constantly improve the Greek community, and even members of the Greek Life Office attended these discussions. Greek leadership spent time hanging out and bonding over card games and snacks, and working to build unity with in GW.

The weekend resulted in new connections made between chapters as well as the Greek Life Office. Members went home with new prospects and resources for programming, and a positive direction to move in.



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Delta Tau Delta- Charlie Temkin
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Kappa Sigma- Joshua Egger
Lambda Chi Alpha- Andrew Merk
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Phi Sigma Kappa- Sentai Simons
Pi Kappa Alpha- Daniel O'Donnell
Pi Kappa Phi- Sean Tait
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Pi Delta Psi- Daniel Torrey
Sigma Psi Zeta- Katherine Bay
Zeta Phi Beta- Maya Day



Living Greek

Greek residences across campus built community among greek chapters

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Townhouse Row, I-House, Building JJ, Strong Hall, and individually owned houses are home to the Greeks. Eight chapters reside on Townhouse Row on 23rd street between F and G streets. They decorate their doors with quotes, pictures, letters, and holiday-themed designs. Houses feature decked out kitchens and living rooms, furnished basements, and the best-free laundry. The all-Greek residence hall on Virginia Ave is International House. Each of I-House's nine floors hosts a different chapter, consisting in total of three sororities and six fraternities. Chi Omega and Pi Beta Phi share the grand Strong Hall, which provides a beautiful rooftop with views of the city. Building JJ currently is home to Kappa Sigma, and other chapters have individual houses through GW or independently-owned homes which are physically on campus. Greeks decorate their living spaces with letters, composites, and symbols of their brother and sisterhoods.



Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Sisterhood

Month of Sisterly Love fosters and builds relationships on campus.

The month of March means the start of spring, midterm season, and spring break to many, but for the members of the GW Panhellenic Association it means Instagram and Facebook feeds will be filled with sorority hand signs and "#MOSL." This new acronym could be confusing for some but to the women of the Panhellenic Association, it means 'Month of Sisterly Love.'

"MOSL is a very important time for the Panhellenic community to show that we are united as one. Even though we all may end up in different chapters, we all have shared experiences and values and MOSL is the time of year we as a community get to come together to recognize that. It's also a great way for sisters of different chapters to meet each other and form new friendships," said Madison McNulty, Executive Vice President of the Panhellenic Association.

At The George Washington University,

Panhel hosts the Month of Sisterly Love throughout the month of March to promote the traditional values that the Panhellenic sororities exemplify. Events throughout the month offer opportunities for members of Greek life to mix with girls in other chapters.

The Panhellenic Executive Board planned a series of events throughout the month to foster relationships between every sorority.

"Every year, I look forward to all the fun and innovative events Panhellenic puts on. This year, we are hosting a networking event at Tonic where current sisters and alumnae from all chapters can come together, as well as many additional fun events throughout the month," said McNulty.

In addition to the opportunity to meet alumnae from the GW and Panhellenic Community, the event also provided the sorority members the opportunity to bring

new and gently used professional dress clothes for a Casa Ruby clothing drive.

The members of Panhellenic closed out the week with a Pinterest crafting event where they had the ability to paint mason jars and paint banners for their dorm rooms.

The month of events provides the sorority community with an opportunity to take a step back from the competition driven philanthropy events and allowed women to remember that Greek Life is founded on pillars of scholarship, leadership, service, and sisterhood, something MOSL highlights and encourages.

The Month of Sisterly Love events raise money for the Circle of Sisterhood Foundation, providing a mechanism by which all sorority women can stand together across affiliation, age, color, and creed to make a difference in the lives of millions of girls and women around the world.



A game to remember

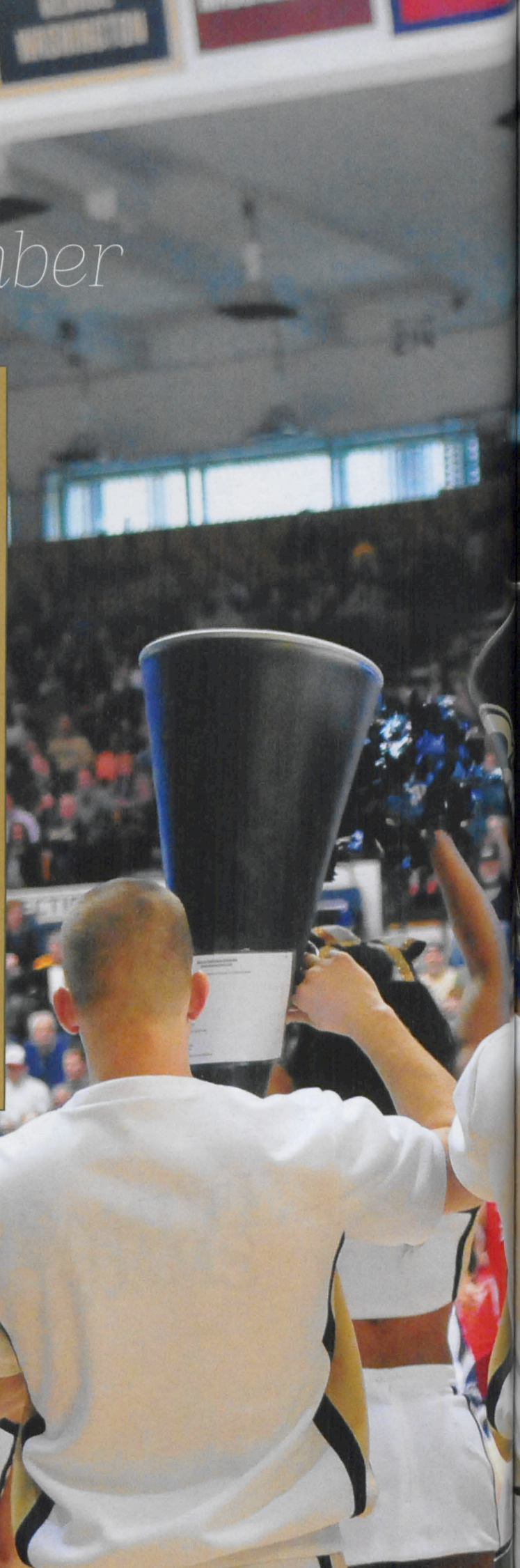
The greek basketball game drew out all chapters in friendly competition

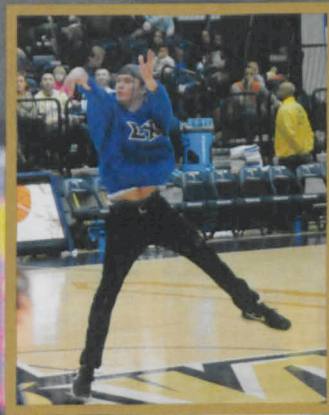
This year's Greek Game was an easy win for the George Washington Colonials over opponents Duquesne; the game ended 74-59. On January 24, members of Greek life arrived at the Homecoming Game decked out in letters and chapter gear to support the home team and raise funds for their chapters' philanthropies. Chapters were even given seats on the court to show off their letters and support for the Colonials.

The Interfraternal Council chapters and Panhellenic chapters who brought out the most members were awarded \$200 for each of their philanthropies. The court was filled with chapter colors and letters, all united for the common cause of supporting the men's basketball team. While all chapters were represented, there could only be so many winners. Pi Beta Phi won for Panhellenic, sending funds toward their upcoming Arrowstrike philanthropy tournament, and Pi Kappa Alpha was the Interfraternal Council winner, contributing to their Fireman's Challenge.

During halftime, the intramural awards for Sorority Cup and Pikus Cup champions were presented. After an intense season, it was time to see the results. Alpha Delta Pi was awarded the title for Sorority Cup, and Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon shared the crown for Pikus Cup.

The support for the home team was outstanding, and the Greek community showed strong spirit out on the court.







A Gold Medal for Greek Life

Olympic gold-medalist Mark Spitz talks about how greek life helped him reach his goals.

Each Spring the Inter-Fraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association, and the Multicultural Greek Council invite a notable figure and Greek member to the university to speak about how Greek life has helped them develop the leadership skills to help them succeed.

This year, Panhel, IFC, and MGC were happy to welcome Mark Spitz, a nine-time Olympic champion and former world record-holder in multiple events. Spitz was a member of Phi Kappa Psi at Indiana University. Spitz intended to go to dental school following his undergraduate education but after the Olympics other opportunities arose and he never went.

"Things happen that turn you away" said Spitz, "you just have to re-evaluate the situation and turn a negative thing positive."

As a member of Phi Psi, Spitz was taught important values in life such as brotherhood which translated to teamwork, sportsmanship, commitment and the importance of a little competition in life. Each of these principles is something Spitz takes pride in; these values helped Spitz become the World Swimmer of the Year in 1969, 1971, and 1972.

"We come from a group that share the

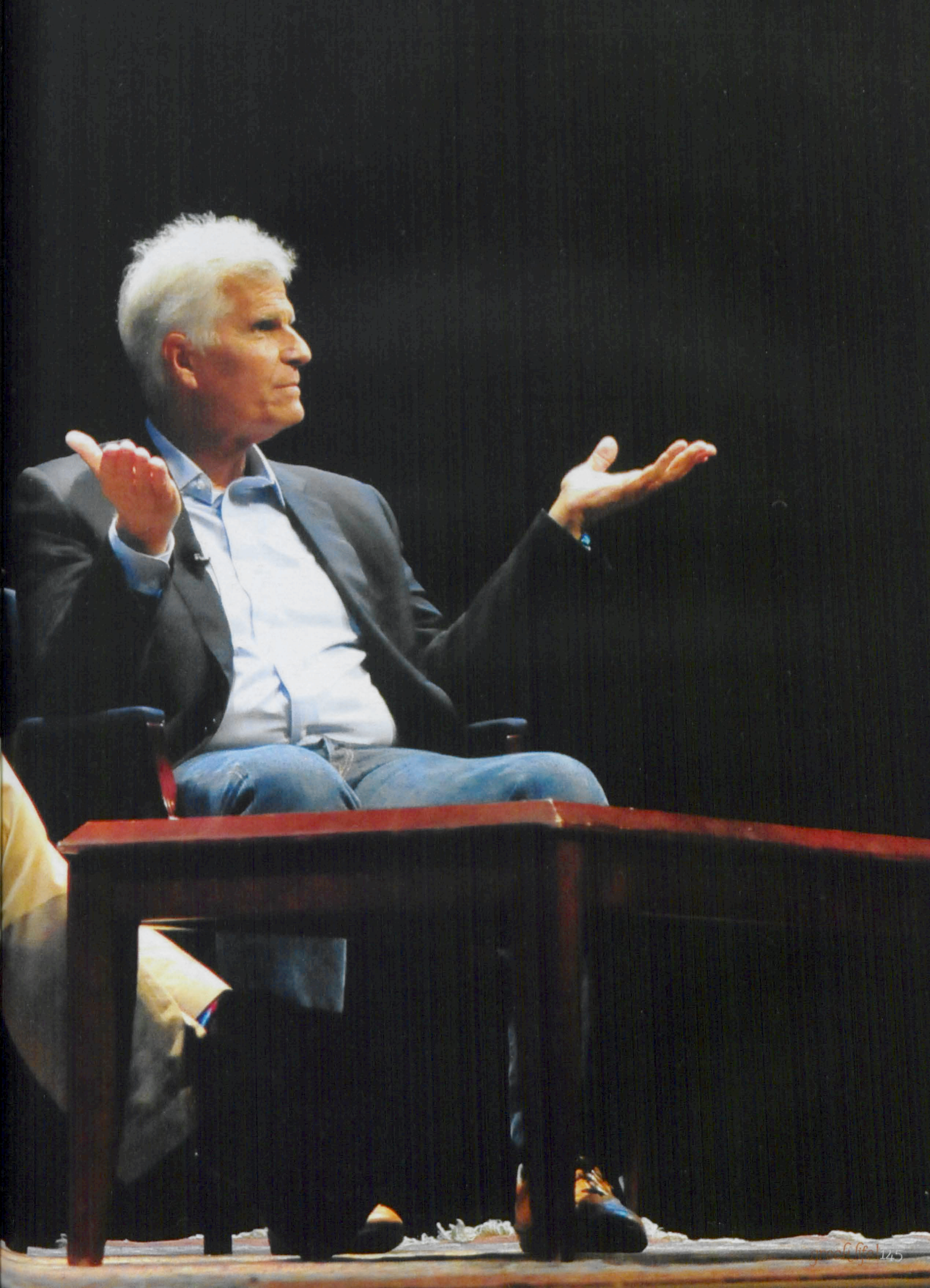
same values and sportsmanship, just like the Greek system," said Spitz.

The competitive aspect of Greek life is what inspired Spitz to pledge a fraternity. "Greek life offers you the opportunity to meet people you normally wouldn't meet in that setting," said Spitz. He added that Greek life may be facing a lot of scrutiny and negativity, but said that these are problems that exist everywhere, even on a swim team and they just need to be monitored and turned into a positive situation.

With that in mind, Spitz was able to accomplish his goals of becoming the most decorating Olympian prior to Michael Phelps.

"You become successful from allowing yourself to fail," said Spitz.

These ideals help to promote what Greek life strives to promote, the four pillars of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Brother/Sisterhood. Though unconventional because Spitz preached these ideals based on his experiences through swim, much could be drawn about success and accomplishing goals. Spitz epitomizes what a positive member of Greek life stands for by carrying ideals he learned from his fraternity and the Greek community throughout his career.



Greek Woman of the Year

Katie Takeuchi honored for her contributions
to the Greek and GW communities.

Katie Takeuchi, a junior at George Washington University and a member of Phi Sigma Sigma seemingly does it all. Around Campus, Katie serves as a Resident Advisor in JBKO. She previously served on the Mount Vernon Campus in Somers, and next year she is returning as an RA in Munson. In addition to her service to students, Katie is a Student coordinator in the CSE.

More specific to Greek Life, Katie has served on Phi Sigma Sigma's executive council as formal chair, on executive board as corresponding secretary, and on the standards board. Katie is currently the Recruitment Relations Chair on the Panhellenic Recruitment Team working with members from other chapters to plan a successful recruitment for the Fall 2015.

Of all of her Phi Sig memories, her favorite is when got her two little sisters, "reveal was so exciting even though they both had an idea I was their Big. Since that day, they have become two of the best friends I could have ever asked for, and I am so lucky to have both of them in my life," she said.

When not bettering the lives of students both in and out of Greek life, Katie is training for different marathons and half marathons throughout DC. Katie is always looking for a new running buddy and can frequently be seen running with her Phi Sig sisters by the monuments. "I love Phi Sig because it is full of driven, kind, and supportive women who have helped me to become the person I am today! I'm so proud to call them my sisters," said Katie. The support her sisters showed her helped her successfully complete her first marathon this past November.



Katie Takeuchi

They L-O-V-E Love to Be



The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma help to foster and grow their diverse interests in the GW and D.C. community

Living in Washington, DC is something Phi Sigma Sigma loves to take advantage of. Whether it is museum trips, monument walks, shopping in Georgetown, or spontaneous cupcake runs, the ladies of Phi Sig take advantage of the city while still spending quality time with their sisters.

"I love that Phi Sigs have provided me with the most amazing support system and helped me find a sense of community at GW," said freshman, Charlotte Watiez.

In a sorority founded on the principles of lifelong learning and friendships, they truly know how to make each individual sister feel at home. With their house on 23rd and G Street it's hard to ever find it quiet or empty, girls can always be found hanging out in their living room watching movies and having a good time.

The sisters pride themselves on the fact that they always have someone to turn too. GW's campus can be daunting, but with the help of their Phi Sig sisters, the women

always feel welcome and encouraged to pursue their interests.

Sisters have held internships on Capitol Hill, the Holocaust Museum, NASPA, Emily's List, among other things. In addition to these internships, Phi Sigs can be found on committee's for Dance Marathon and Relay for Life, broadcasting on WRGW Radio, Ultimate Frisbee, Water Polo, Hillel, among many other things. The diversity of activities is one of the things Phi Sig pride themselves on, being able to have such different interests but still have the bond they share is something special.

"That's why I feel at home, there are so many different girls and so many different ways to get involved," said Freshman Jess Pitocco.

In addition to their individual accomplishments, the national sorority recently celebrated their 100th anniversary and to celebrate a century of success. The women of Phi Sigma Sigma recognize the accomplishment of attending a university

and receiving an education and have focused their philanthropic efforts on organizations that promote school and college readiness. Practice Makes Perfect and the Kids In Need Foundation. Both of these causes focus on collecting school supplies and helping underprivileged kids receive educations that they are so fortunate to receive.

Each year the sisters host their philanthropy event, Sapphire Cup to raise money. This year they raised \$5,500 to benefit these foundations by inviting fraternities to participate in a Casino Night, a brunch event, and a daylong soccer tournament.

"I always see my sisters smiling about something," said sophomore Emily Deanne, "I love that everyone is always so happy to see each other, it makes me feel part of something bigger than myself.

On Bid Day, sisters frequently chant "We L-O-V-E love to be" it is clear that they take pride in being a Phi Sig and truly love what their sisterhood has to offer.



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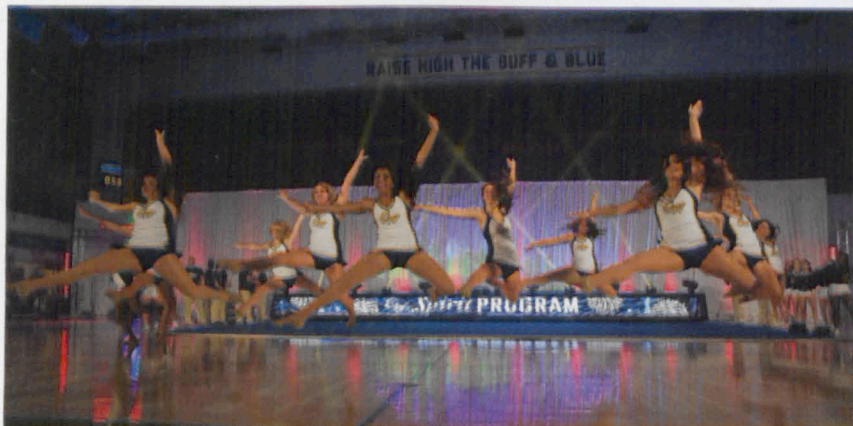
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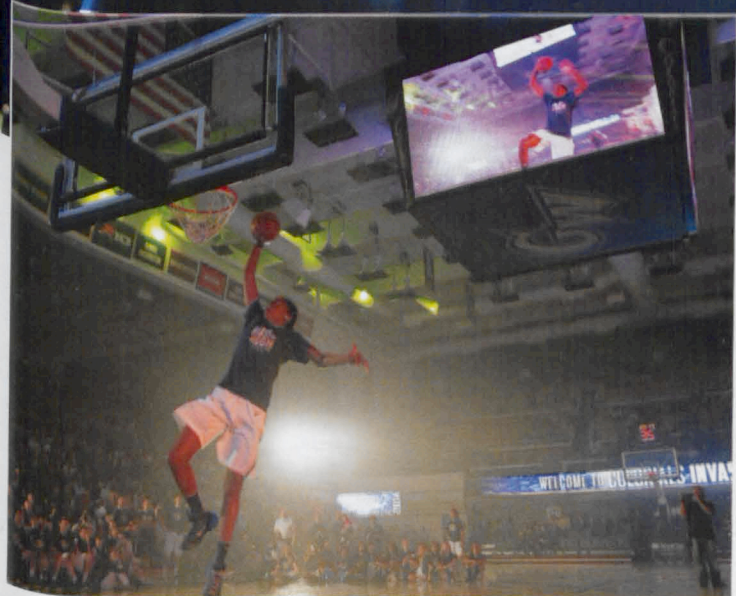
Colonial Spirit Let's Hear It!

Colonial Invasion rallies the fans, kicking off the basketball season with a bang.

Every fall brings the much-anticipated annual pep rally known as Colonials Invasion. Taking place on October 17th in the Smith Center, this year's Colonials Invasion drew a myriad of students, parents, faculty and staff. The event, which included a number of exciting performances and giveaways, marked the official beginning of GW's basketball season.

The Navy Color Guard and Army ROTC draped a large American flag over the court as the National Anthem was sung to kick off the event. Shortly following, the room was dimmed. As colored lights gleamed and fog rolled over the court, the introductions of the GW men's and women's basketball teams were announced over the speakers. The crowd screamed and chanted as the player showcased their skills. The annual men's basketball dunk contest, which was a highlight for many, followed the introductions. As the players climbed, jumped over each other, and made unbelievable dunk shots, the audience oohed and awed in amazement.

The incredible performances by various student organizations included dances from groups like the GW Bangra, Capital Funk, and the First Ladies. Anjani Shaw, a member of the First Ladies, described the event saying, "Colonials Invasion is a special moment for cheer, dance, basketball, and many other GW groups. It's a moment where we shine underneath the bright lights of the Smith Center and showcase what we are ready to bring to the year." Those in attendance were also treated to musical performances from the Voice Gospel Choir and the GW band. The Cheer Team and GW Gymnastics Team also displayed their skills, each with a remarkable routines. The pep rally thrilled the audience and generated a strong sense of school spirit. Colonials Invasion, hosted by the Colonial Army, provided GW fans a taste of what was to come for the 2014-2015 basketball season and started the momentum of the basketball season.



Best Foot Forward

The well-rounded 2014-2015 Gymnastics team made their mark on GW athletics history with a number of regular season wins as well as winning the East Atlantic Gymnastics League Championship.





The GW Gymnastics team had every reason to celebrate this past year. Coming from all across the country, the seventeen women who comprise the team this year had a year for the record books. Lead by head coach, Margie Foster-Cunningham, the team had one of the most successful seasons in school history.

The team's success began in the regular season with wins against competitive schools such as Bowling Green State University, Sacramento State, UC Davis, and Towson. In addition to a number of notable regular season wins, seven George Washington gymnasts were selected to the All-East Atlantic Gymnastics team, which indicated the most selections in a season for GW since joining the EAGL in 2005. The team's accomplishments did not end there though, as twelve members were also named to the 2015 EAGL scholastic team, tying them for third-most student-athletes among EAGL squads.

Among the most prominent victories

of this season for the Gymnastics team was winning the East Atlantic Gymnastics League Championship at SECU Arena. Scoring a team total of 195.85, this feat marked the first-ever EAGL title for GW. The title indicates GW's sixth overall conference title and first since winning five Atlantic 10 championships between 1998-2002. Accomplishments of the day included sweeping the top four positions in the vault standings and freshman, Jillian Winstanley, being named EAGL Rookie of the Year as the team beat out defending champion New Hampshire.

Courtney Willoughby, reflected on the year saying, "I had an amazing experience competing on the GW gymnastics team as a co-captain this year. GW athletics is like a family and I will miss the tight knit community."

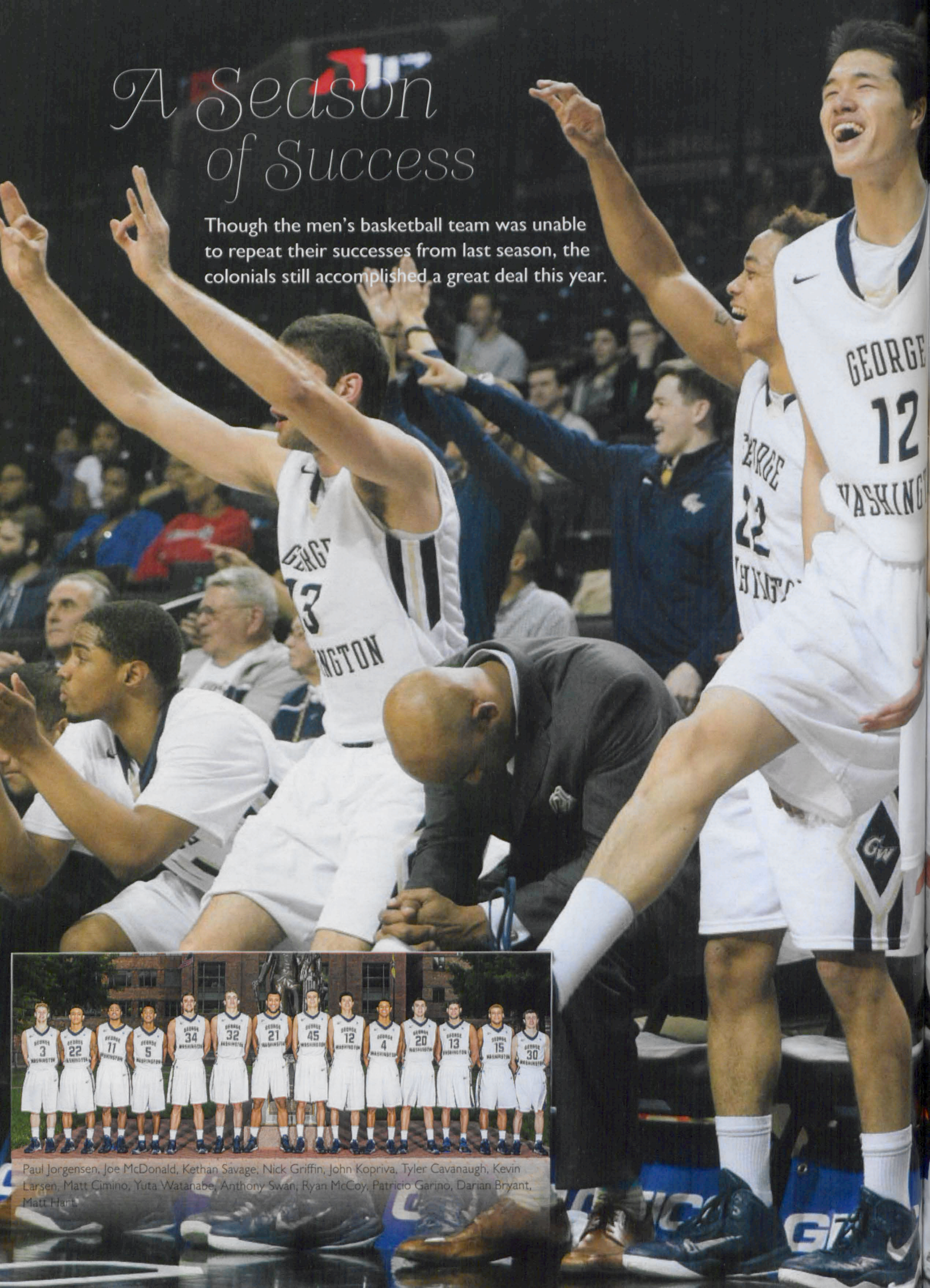
While the team looks to repeat their successes next season, GW Gymnastics will also be bidding farewell to four graduating seniors: Kalja Aploks, Elena Corcoran, Brenna Marcoux and Courtney Willoughby.



Kalja Aploks, Elena Corcoran, Kaitlin Cowles, Alex DeMoura, Cami Drouin-Allaire, Brenna Marcoux, Sara Mermelstein, Jessica Mishlove, Alexis Petrikis, Liz Pfeiler, Chelsea Raineri, Taylor Redmond, Madeline Seibold, Kalja Solomon, Courtney Willoughby, Jillian Winstanley, Alex Zois

A Season of Success

Though the men's basketball team was unable to repeat their successes from last season, the colonials still accomplished a great deal this year.



Paul Jorgensen, Joe McDonald, Kethan Savage, Nick Griffin, John Kopriva, Tyler Cavanaugh, Kevin Larsen, Matt Cimino, Yuta Watanabe, Anthony Swan, Ryan McCoy, Patricio Garino, Darian Bryant, Matt Hart



As his fourth season as head coach, Mike Lonergan led the men's basketball team to a number of achievements. The fourteen men who comprise the team finished out the 2014-2015 season with an overall record of 22-13, with a conference record of 10-8 and impressive 10-8 record at home. Of the team's impressive regular season wins, the Colonials beat #11 Wichita State, 60-54. This was one of the best highlights of the season, as this win against Wichita State earned the team the 2014 Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic title at the Stan Sheriff Center. At the Classic, the Colonials set the Classic record for fewest points allowed and Junior Kevin Larson was named MVP. Other victories of the season included defeating tough competitors such as Saint Joseph's, Richmond, Dayton, and neighbor, George Mason, amongst many others.

Many team members also gained a number of honors and awards this season. Firstly, senior John Kopriva was named to the A-10 All-Academic Team. In addition, junior Kevin Larson was named to the All-Conference Third team and junior Patricio Garino was named to the All-Defensive team.

Though the team had a number of accomplishments this season, the team's run ended earlier than they may have liked. In the Atlantic 10 Championship, the team beat no. 11 Duquesne, 73-55 but unfortunately bowed out of the quarter finals after falling to no. 3 Rhode Island, 71-58. Despite the loss, senior John Kopriva set a new program record with his 126th career game and also finished the game with 11 points. Subsequently, the team was invited to play in the National Invitation Tournament where the Colonials were seeded 5th. The team went on to beat no. 4 Pittsburgh, 60-54, but fell to no. 1 Temple, 90-77.

Overall, the team achieved a great deal this season. Men's basketball bids farewell to accomplished graduating senior, John Kopriva.



Reaching New Heights

The women's basketball team was recognized for a number of achievements this season as well as posting an impressive 29-4 record, winning the A-10 championship, and taking a trip to the NCAA tournament.



Lauren Chase, Mia Farmer, Alexis Chandler, Bria Bourgeois, Jada Matthews, Caira Washington, Kelli Prange, Jonquel Jones, DaLacy Anderson, Brianna Cummings, Hannah Schaible, Shannon Cranshaw, Aaliyah Brown, Camila Tapias, Chakecia Miller.



The presence of the GW women's basketball team was undeniable on campus this winter. Led by head coach Jonathan Tsipis, the women of colonial's basketball surely gave fans something to be excited about with a number of successes. The team finished the season with a 29-4 record, though they notable posted a home record of 14-1 and a conference record of 15-1.

There were many crucial players in women's basketball's notable achievements this year, though junior Jonquel Jones was an undeniable force in GW's success. The forward was named the 2015 Atlantic 10 Player of the Year first since Kimberly Beck in 2008. Additionally, Jones was named the Ann Meyers Drysdale Women's National Player of the Week numerous times during the 2014-2015 season, was named Defensive Player of the Year. She was also selected as one of 52 All-Region nominees for the 2015 WBCA Division I Coaches' All-America Team, marking the fifth player in program history to be acknowledged as an AP honorable mention All-American.

In addition to Jones' successes, other key players were recognized and awarded. Sophomore Caira Washington was appointed to the All-Conference First Team and freshman Kelli Prange was named to the All-Rookie Team. Coach Jonathan Tsipis was also honored as A-10 Coach of the Year.

The program-record 29 victories included beating neighbor teams such as Richmond, Georgetown, and American. Furthermore, the Colonials celebrated Women's Basketball's graduating seniors Chakecia Miller, Lauren Chase, and Bria Bourgeois on March 1st, which included taking home a win against George Mason. Miller reflected on the season stating, "Our team has such a strong chemistry and the fun we had this season, has marked this chapter of my life with special moments that will not be forgotten." In addition, Bourgeois also noted that she, "attribute(s) our success on the court to our chemistry that we have outside of basketball. I'm glad I got to experience my last year with such a great group of women."

On March 8th, the women's team took home the A-10 crown for the first time since 2003 with a win 75-62 win over Dayton earning them an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Unfortunately, a loss to no.11 Gonzaga sent the team packing during the tournament on March 20th. Despite the tough loss, GW women's basketball gave fans a great deal to be excited about this season and team members and supporters alike are already looking forward to see what women's basketball has to bring next year.





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Breaking Records

The community and sports teams are thankful for the never-ending support of the GW Spirit Programs this season.

The GW Spirit Programs outdid themselves this year while fans and sports teams watched in awe and greatly appreciated their support. These teams included the First Ladies Dance Team, the nationally competitive co-ed Cheer Team, and the Colonial Army. These groups, as well as the GW Mascot Squad, supported all of the 23 varsity sports and even often traveled with teams, including Basketball.

The First Ladies Dance Team consisted of 13 very talented women who performed at both all home and some away Men's and Women's basketball games. The close-knit team attended many campus events this year and had a fantastic time supporting many of the sports teams' successes. Senior and team captain Lauren Meier reflected on the season:

"This was a very defining season for the First Ladies as we made a number of changes to the program throughout the year, but with each change, our team became stronger as a whole. We had an amazing bond across all ages, which created an incredible experience for each one of us."

In addition to the First Ladies Dance team, the Cheer Team consisted of 22 members who performed at all home Men's and Women's basketball games in addition to often traveling with them. This year, the team participated in many community and campus events including Colonial Invasion.

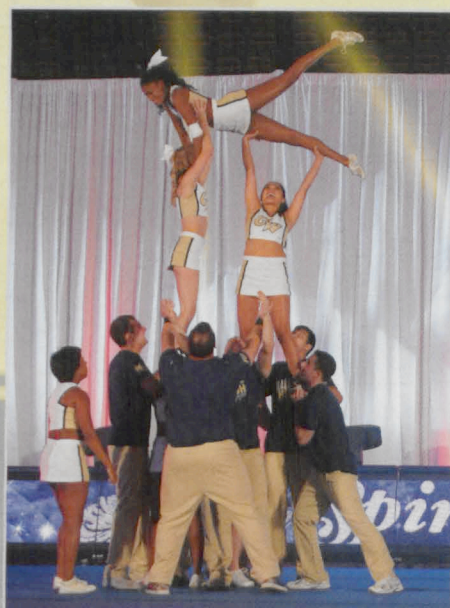
Lastly, the Colonial Army, with all of their chants and cheers, never failed to foster school spirit and support athletic teams. Maintaining a large membership base, the Colonial Army was always present at athletic events. The Colonial Army and the other GW Spirit Programs are excited to Raise High with the Colonials for another incredible season!



Emily Green, Dara Levitan, Hannah Schwartz, Natalie Falco, Olivia Elder, Lauren Meier, Abbie Wade, Marissa Mamone, Sara Spencer, Andrea Millman, Allie Geoca, Anjani Shah



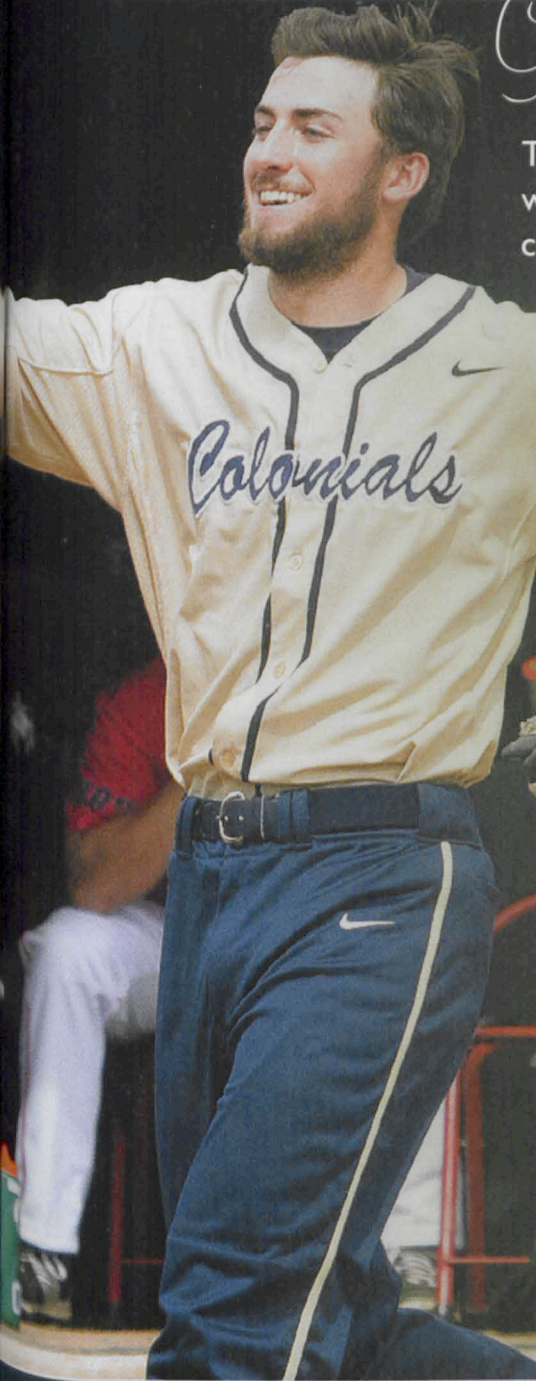
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Pitchin' in to GW's Athletic Success

The thirty-three men of GW baseball celebrated a winning season this year including defeating highly competitive teams.



Despite having their schedule altered quite a bit this season due to a number of games being cancelled and postponed early in the year, the men of the baseball team took a number of impressive wins and individual honors. The team began their season with a 5-1 win over NJIT in Virginia and continued to defeat teams including Georgetown, Niagara, Manhattan, Cal State Northridge, Mount St. Mary's, Coppin State, UMBC, UMES, and Towson. The team won a number of series this year and even defeated many A-10 competitors including Saint Joseph's, St. Bonaventure, Massachusetts, Fordham, and even swept Dayton in three games. One of the highlights of the season included the team crushing #16 Maryland 12-1, which marked the first win over a ranked opponent since 2008.

The Baseball team also racked up an incredibly impressive amount of honors this season. Quite a few of the players were recognized as Colonials of the Week this season, including sophomore Eddie Muhl, junior Jacob Williams, and sophomore

Andrew Selby. Muhl set a new single-season saves record in GW's sweet against Dayton this season. Meanwhile, Williams earned the award for throwing ten scoreless innings of relief for the Colonials during a week in which the Colonials went 3-1. In addition, Selby collected four extra-base hits to lead the team in a 3-0 week. Seniors Brookes Townsend and Craig Lejeune were also honored with annual awards by the baseball program with Townsend being the recipient of the Jackie Robinson Award while Lejeune took home the Warren H. Fulton Memorial Award. Freshman Robbie Metz also stood out as a key player this season as he was named A-10 Rookie of the Week multiple times. Lastly, Eddie Muhl was named to the midseason watch list for the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award, as the sophomore was the nation's saves leader with 14, and posted a 0.47 ERA in 19.1 innings at the time he was issued the Award.

In conclusion, the team celebrated a very successful season and looks to continue their success next year. The team bids farewell to a number of graduating seniors including Ryan Xepoleas, Xavier Parkmond, Craig Lejeune, and Brookes Townsend.



Shane Kemp, Ryan Xepoleas, Eli Kashi, Matthieu Robert, Bobby Campbell, Joey Bartosic, Matt Costentino, Andy Young, Colin Gibbons-Fly, Andrew Selby, Tyler Swiggart, Brady Renner, Kevin Hodgson, Gabe Scott, Chance Malek, Jon Steele, Brandon Chapman, Robbie Metz, Xavier Parkmond, Kevin Mahala, Craig Lejeune, Brookes Townsend, Jacob Williams, Mark Osis, Bobby LeWarne, Zane Schreiber, Cody Bryant, Brandon Ritchie, Andrew Piccin, Jordan Sheinkop, Luke Olson, Eddie Muhl, Randy Dalrymple

Tearing Up the Field

The lacrosse team greatly expands their roster this season in addition to battling some tough teams this year.



The George Washington lacrosse team expanded their roster this season by adding seven new freshmen to the team in addition to welcoming assistant coach Kasey Mock and volunteer assistant Sarah Jane Leder. Lead by head coach Tracy Coyne, the team began their season in early February by defeating Yale 13-5 at their first home game. Despite losing some tough games this season, the team did win against schools including Mount St. Mary's, Davidson, Saint Joseph's, and

St. Bonaventure. The team also had an exciting come-from-behind victory against Atlantic 10 rival Duquesne, where sophomore Shea Cassidy scored a goal in overtime with only 9.7 seconds left on the clock. The St. Bonaventure game marked senior day for the Colonials as the team celebrated graduating seniors Rachel Mia, Jacqui Stevens, Jamie Bumgardner, Jenn Seitz, Mackenzie Jones, Rachel Quinn, Allie Rash, and Casey Dell'Isola. During the game, Mia scored five goals and sophomore Bailey Forcier added four as the team defeated the Atlantic 10 competitor St. Bonaventure 16-10.

The team also had a number of other individual successes this season including senior Jann Seitz being named an Atlantic 10 Co-Defensive Player of the Week and freshman Brooke Sands honored as A-10 Rookie of the Week. Seitz lead GW in ground balls this season and ranks fifth all-time in program history in ground balls.

Overall, the colonials took home a number of wins this season, and although the team bids farewell to eight key players this season, they look to improve and come back as a stronger team next season.



Back Row: Allie Rash, Ali Joseph, Jacqui Stevens, Amy Cunningham, Erin Long, Rachel Quinn, Adele Wise, Jocelyn Donohue, Bailey Forcier, Julia Lawson, Cara Dellavecchia, Camaryn Kerns, Natalie Maher, Cassidy Shollenberger, Delaney Norris, Gabbi Hull.
Front Row: Jenn Seitz, Brooke Sands, Maura Feeney, Mackenzie Jones, Ellie Glasgow, Rachel Mia, Jamie Bumgardner, Michaela Lynch, MaryPat Scanlon, Shea Cassidy, Casey Dell'Isola, Becca Taub, Olivia Boudreau, Emily Rosen, Hallie Walker.

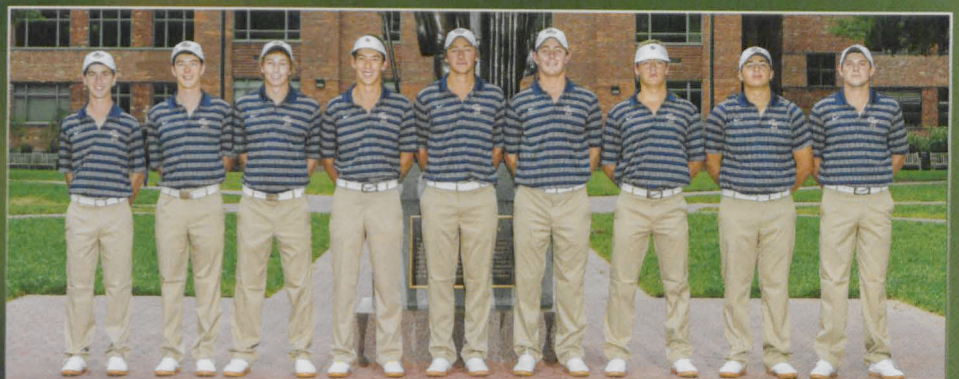


Getting in the Game

The GW golf team certainly had a successful season, especially because of their young additions to the roster.

During the 2014-2015 season, the nine men who comprised GW's golf team exhibited talented youth as well as experienced leadership. To begin their season, the team played against very tough competitors at the Colorado State Ram Masters. Although the team placed 13th of the 15 teams, the Colonials fought hard. One of the highlights of the weekend's events included senior Jack Persons closing with a 2-over-par 72 to record his 13th career top-20 finish for GW golf. In addition, less than two weeks later, Persons finished 1-under-par 70 and second career top-5 finish at George Mason's Patriot Intercollegiate, where the team finished in 5th place out of 17 teams and a total of 104 players. As the sole senior on the team, Persons' early season accomplishments reflected his outstanding leadership and set the pace for many of his teammates.

A number of other individuals had significantly noteworthy performances and honors this season for GW golf. Specifically, all three of the freshman on the team exhibited great promise for the future of the team. This season, the team collected 3 consecutive Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week awards, of which Zack Bailey won two. This accomplishment as a program marked the most Rookie of the Week awards since Persons earned the honor in 2012. One of Bailey's best performances was at the team's last regular season event, Penn State's Rutherford Intercollegiate. Bailey equaled his lowest round of the spring with a second-round 2-over 73, tying for 31st. Despite the loss of accomplished graduating senior Jack Persons, the GW golf has a great deal of promise for the future.



Michael Heda, Michael Helton, Zack Bailey, Jack Persons, Pierre Tillement, Jack Porcelli, Lucas Farmer, Vince Palazzolo, Steve Piela.

Just Keep Rowing

During the 2015-2016 season, the men and women of GW's had a great year overall which included placing very well at the George Washington Invitational.



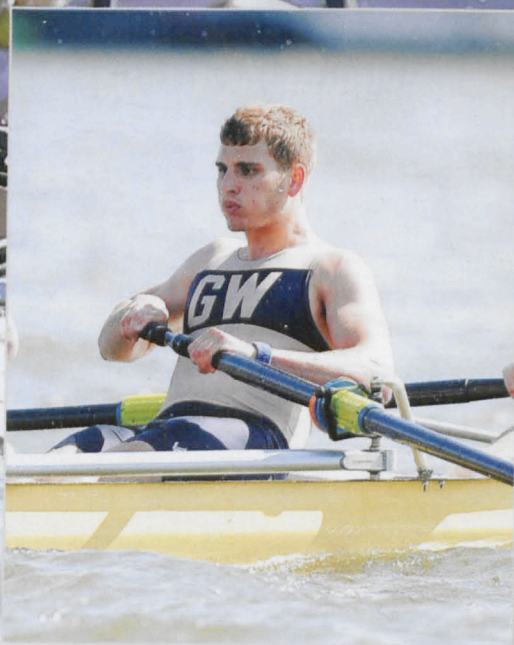
The many men and women of the rowing program at GW celebrated another year of success this season. The men began their season in Philadelphia where highlights included Third Varsity 8 and Second Varsity 8 each pacing 2nd to set the pace for the Colonials. The Third Varsity 8 finished in 6:09.60 behind Penn at 6:00.50. The Second Varsity 8 navigated the 2,000-meter course on the Schuylkill River in 6:01.57 just behind Penn who finished in first at 5:54.70. In continuation of their success, this season also featured the Oliver T. Carr Bowl hosted at GW where the men's rowing team won six races which helped the team to total 111 points, earning them second place. Other schools at the invitational included Georgetown, Holy Cross, Virginia, and Gonzaga. Navy won the Carr Bowl with 117 points.

The women's team experienced similar achievements this spring as the team opened the season in Philadelphia. At the event, the Varsity 8 finished in third place in 7:15.80. The Colonials also took second place in the Varsity 4. Where the team navigated the course in 7:35.00 just falling behind Penn at 7:28.00. In addition, the team also partook in the GW invitational, where the team totaled 77 points to finish in third place in the Howard W. Wilkins Bowl. Navy Won the Bowl with 108 points, though GW beat Dayton (24), Georgetown (24) and MIT (0).

The rowing program will say goodbye to the following seniors this year: Nicola Licata, Natalee Sohn, Emily Wilson, Amanda Young, Matthew Coughlin, Pat Lacey, and Scott Yanoff.



Lydia Barber, Elizabeth Brighton, Jessica Cetnar, Kalyn Daude, Alexandra Gettings, Somer Glubiak, Julia Hennessey, Olivia Idris, Emily Keable, Clare Keller, Gaby Kraushaar, Nicola Licata, Julia Masterson, Jen Nichols, Honore Olson, Kira Palmer, Elyse Pengeroth, Leah Ramos, Sarah Reswow, Ruby Roberts, Bella Sardegna, Rachel Schwartz, Charlotte Smith, Emilee Smith, Jaimie Snelgrove, Lily Snow, Natalee Sohn, Mikeala Sparks, Mattie Watson, Emily Wilson, Augusta Winthrop, Caitlin Widenholt, Amanda Young, Courtney Zelazny



John Alvarino, John Andrews, Connor Barley, Connor Barrett, Steve Brown, Ross Burnaman, Maddux Castle, Amanda Chatupron, Matthew Coughlin, Ben Delaney, Thatcher Dodge, John Edelman, Taylor Evans, Thomas Garvis, Michael Gasparovic, Jonathan Ghoul, Joe Gorman, Calvin Hamilton, Dan Henry, Devin Hisarli, Brendan Keegans, John Kim, Stuart King, Pat Lacey, Jimmy Larkin, David Lincoln, Doug McHale, Kosta Mitic, Josh Nothnagel, Matt Palmer, Max Reisser, Kyle Sloat, Will Terry, Jordan Tewksbury-Volpe, Nick Upton, Alastair Watson, Ellee Watson, Matt Weaver, Scott Yanoff

Sailing Successes

The GW sailing team had a number of achievements this year both in the fall and spring and is expected to continue their successes



Front: Shira Golub, Miranda Bakos, Kia Olsson, Jennifer Wilson, Belle Strachan, Gabriella Marki, Meagan Murphy, Maria Sinagra, India Johnstone, Hannah McNamee, Alex Hitchcock, Madeline Taggart, Chapin Graham, Kelly Dong, Gabriella Malek.

Back: Taylor Brimberg, Matthew Ricci, Jay Spector, Colin Kennedy, Brendan Shanahan, Daniel DelBello, Sam White, Roger Dorr, Michael Ince, Riley Engelberger, Darius Homayuni, Kai Friesecke, Henry Young, Madison Oleson.





This year, the men and women of the GW sailing program welcomed 12 new freshman students to kick off their year. In the fall, the team finished in 7th out of 18 teams with a strong start to the year at four regattas in the Harry Anderson Jr. Trophy. This notable weekend included a particularly impressive performance by sophomore Brendan Shanahan who placed 5th at the MAISA Laser South Qualifier in Annapolis, Maryland to send him to the MAISA Singlehanded Championship where he finished runner-up. This feat earned the program's first ICSA National Championship berth since 1954. Also a highlight of the season, the team also competed against top women's programs by posting a 16th place finish at the Mrs. Hurst Bowl hosted by Dartmouth.

In addition, the GW sailing team won 15 out of 20 races to finish runner-up in the inaugural GW Team Race on the Potomac River in March of this year. Marking the third-year varsity program's first-ever home regatta, the team posted a 15-5 and was just barely defeated by winning team Hobart and William Smith who finished 16-4 against the six-boat fleet. Other competitors included SUNY Maritime, Cornell, Navy, and Fordham.

Celebrating another accomplishment this season, the colonials also garnered another program first as they entered the Sailing World College Women's Rankings for the first time as a varsity program as no. 15. In addition, towards the end of their spring season, the team competed in their first ever MAISA Team Race Championship where they finished two wins shy of advancing to the ICSA National Team Race Championship and in seventh place in the eight-team fleet.

As a member of the class of 2015, Matthew Ricci reflected on the team's success and growth during his tenure at GW:

This year was a very exciting one for GW Varsity Sailing. As a senior, I was part of the last class to witness the progression of our team from a Club Sport in 2011 to a Varsity Team in 2012. Over the past three years, our program has evolved tremendously, and it has been incredible to see a powerhouse team in the making. Our trajectory continues to point upward, I am excited to see where GW Sailing goes even after my time is up here! I'll miss the camaraderie that GW Sailing and GW Athletics has given me. It has shown me the importance of being part of a tight-knit team and how rewarding it can be.

George Washington University students and fans are looking forward to continuing to watch the sailing program grow and flourish during their 2015-2016 season.



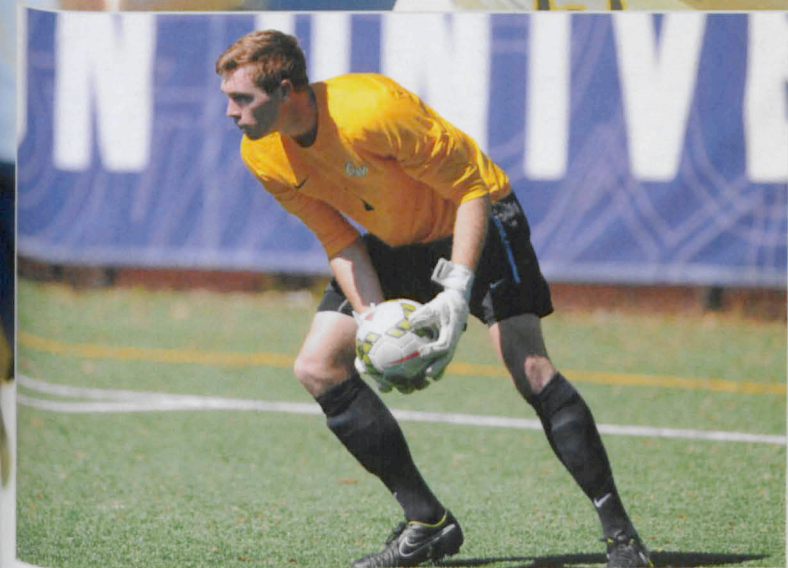
Kickin' Year

The team boost scholarly activity.





Up on the mount Vernon campus this season, the men's soccer team made some noise. With a record of 6-9-1, men's soccer had numerous wins against teams including Harvard, St. Bonaventure, La Salle, Howard, and the Naval Academy. The team not only had a number of wins on the field, but off the field as well. The team was awarded with a NSCAA team academic award as they posted the third best team GPA in the Atlantic 10 Conference. Junior Jonny Forrest and senior Matthew Scott were also each named to the Atlantic 10 Men's Soccer All-Academic Team. The naming of the two men to the All-Academic team marks the first time since 2007 that a pair of colonials have received the same honor. Sophomore Miles McClearn reflected on the season, "We have an amazing program with a great group of guys who love to win. Unfortunately we did not perform as well as expected but we will be working hard in the offseason to become one of the top contenders for the Atlantic 10 Conference next season." Though they may not have posted the winning record they may have liked in the A-10 Conference, the team had an incredible number of both individual and team successes and certainly look forward to next season. The team wishes the best of luck to their graduating seniors.



Front Row: Oliver Curry, Eddie Painter, Spencer Bezerdian, Spiros Tsakos, Angel Valencia, Dominic Gallelli, Farhan Khan.
Middle Row: Jopis Grevelink, Alex Conning, Oliver De Thier, Jonny Forrest, Sam Summerlin, Koby Osei-Wusu, Miles McClearn, Ross Higgins, Matt Levin, Ismail Lapp-Kamara.
Back Row: Christian Lawal, Santiago Ardila, Matthew Scott, Andri Alexandersson, Jack Lopez, Jean-Pierre van der Merwe, Luke Farrell, Philip McQuitty, Tobi Adewole, Nils Elwing, Garrett Heine.

A Season for the Books

Players shine on and off the feild.





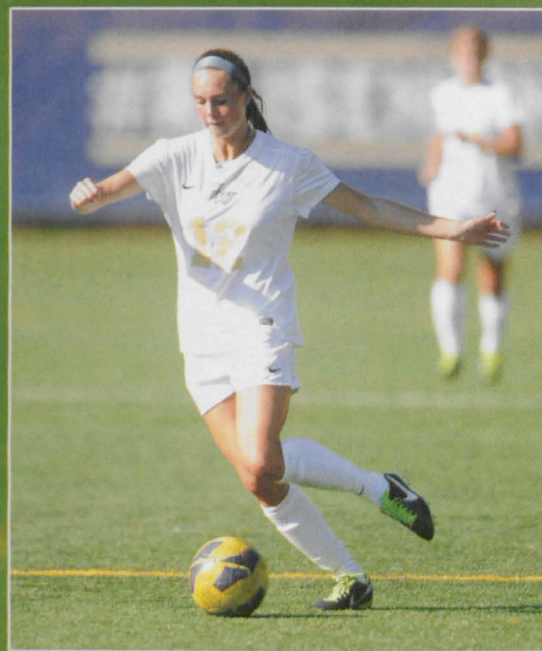
Back Row: MacKenzie Cowley, Sydney Morris, Brooke Bean, Elizabeth Casey, Ellen Conway, Miranda Horn, Monica Thom, Meg Murphy, Camille Roberts, Ivana Szejewski, Brooke Stoller.
Middle Row: Kiara Robertson, Ingrid Di Clemente, Kyla Ridley, Bri Byrne, Taylor Katz, Nicole Belfonti, MacKenzie McIndoe, Kate Elson, Ellie De Carlo, Madison Davis, Alex Brothers, Lina Proska.
Front Row: Brittany Cooper, Lida Koskina, Cassidy Mercier, Erin Boudreau, Danielle Snajder, Emily Brown, Annika Johnson, Kristi Abbate.

The Women's Soccer team brings excitement to the field year after year and their 2014-2015 season was no different. This year the team had a stellar record of 12-6-1 including some very competitive wins. To kick-start the season, the team shut out St. Mary's with a 6-0 win at home. The team continued to produce numerous shutouts against various teams, helping them to claim their first 12-win season since 1997. In a tough win over Saint Louis, the team clinched a bid to the A-10 Championship for the

second straight year. Furthermore, the team continued by shutting out Rhode Island 1-0 in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 Championship, helping them to win their first postseason match since 1997. In addition to their successes, five George Washington Women's Soccer players were named to the 2014 Atlantic 10 postseason teams, giving them the most postseason accolades since 2002. Unfortunately, the team ended their postseason run by falling 2-1 to La Salle in double overtime. Junior Brooke Stoller commented on the success of their season by saying, "We had an amazing run this season,

making it to the semis of the conference playoffs with one of our all time greatest records. The seniors were incredible and led this team all season and I can't wait to see what next season brings!" Although their season came to a close earlier than many would have liked, they certainly left their mark on GW athletics this season.

This year Women's Soccer bids farewell to Alex Brothers, Taylor Katz, Elizabeth Casey, Meg Murphy, Madison Davis, Sydney Morris, and MacKenzie McIndoe.



A Lively Dugout

The softball team made their presence on campus evident this season as they continued their growth and success.



The accomplished women of GW's softball team posted fantastic statistics and took home a number of big wins this season.

To begin their year, the team shutout Marist 8-0 and went on to beat teams including UVA, Morgan State, Delaware State, Lafayette, Evansville, and Norfolk State. The team also defeated neighbor universities such as Howard, George Mason, and Georgetown. Overall, the team is particularly proud of posting a non-conference record of 18-9, including a 7-1 mark at home.

Many team members also earned quite

a few individual honors and achievements this year. During the Georgetown game on April 21st, freshman and starting pitcher Sarah Costlow broke the program record for wins by a rookie. In addition, the head coach, Stacey Schramm, recorded her 200th win in her nine-year collegiate coaching year early this season. Furthermore, sophomore Paige Kovalsky was named Colonial of the Week this season, as she tossed her first complete game of the season in a triumph over Marist.

The successes of the softball this season truly reflect the progress the program has made over the years. As

sophomore Marissa Mangini reflects on her experience on the team, she writes, "Being part of the softball team is a once in a lifetime experience. The thrill of the competition and incredible friendships made are something that I will cherish forever."

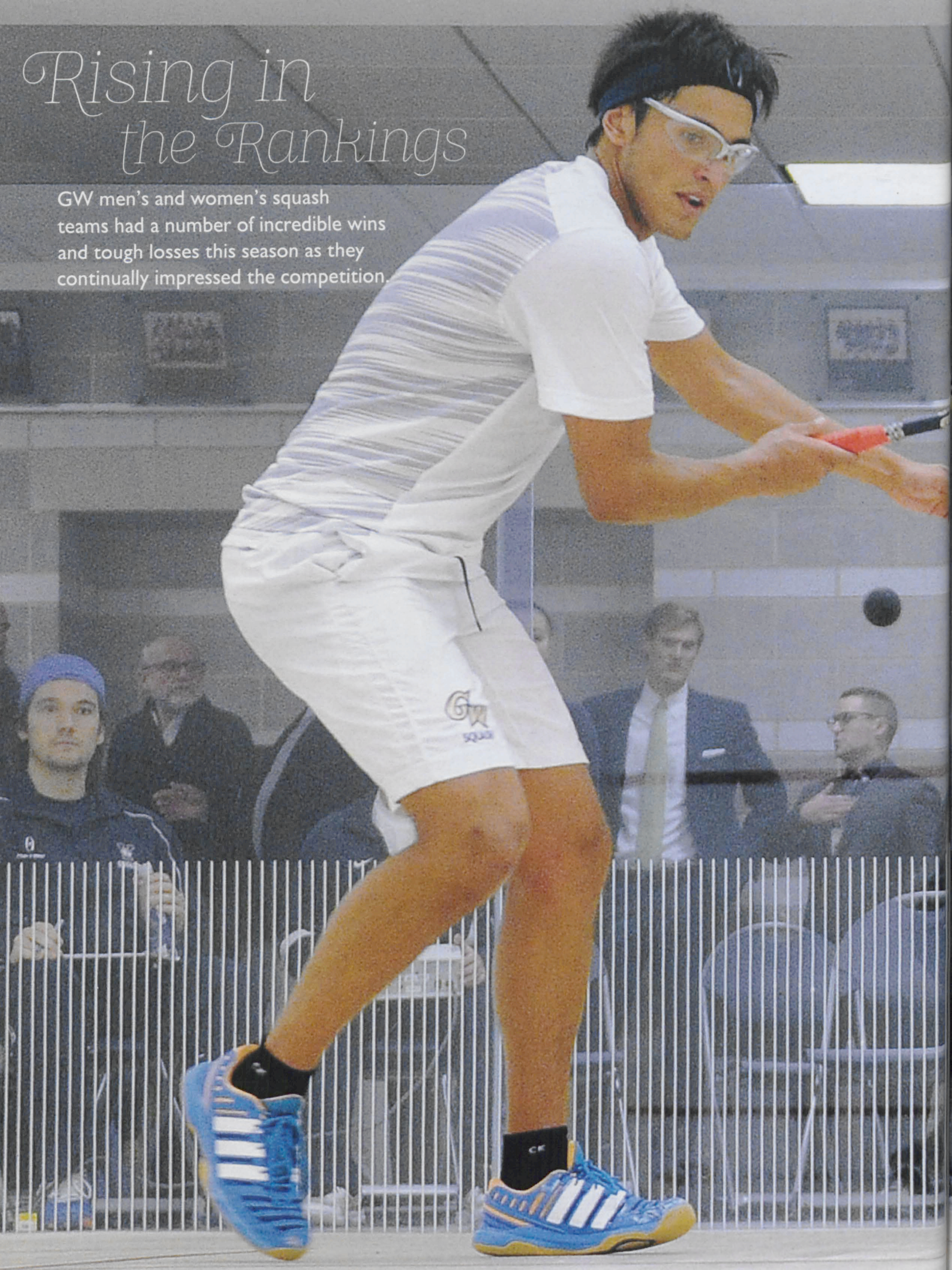
This year the team will say goodbye to seniors Victoria Valos, Samantha Dos Santos, and McKinley Tretler. As one of the captains, Valos stated her hopes for the Colonials, "As I leave this program, I am proud to say that GW softball is only going to get better. The legacy left by our alumni stands strong and will be continued."



Front Row: Rochelle Draper, Aiyana Leal-Robles, Morgan Matetic, Samantha Dos Santos, Jillian Galich, Monica Macchiarulo, Megan Linn, Ashley Pilcher, Bradleigh Breland, Victoria Valos.
Back Row: Morgan Rinehart, Maura Murphy, Mary Wiley, McKinley Tretler, Carlee Gray, Sarah Costlow, Paige Kovalsky, Alana Anderson, Meghan Rico, Marissa Mangini.

Rising in the Rankings

GW men's and women's squash teams had a number of incredible wins and tough losses this season as they continually impressed the competition.





This season, the GW men's and women's squash teams consisted of 12 men and 13 women. Lead by head coach Wendy Lawrence, the teams continually rose in the ranks and stunned competitors.

The men's team faced tough competition this year. The team's accomplishments included beating Middlebury 6-3, Stanford 9-0, and downing No. 14 Bates College 5-4. Though the team faced a number of competitive losses as well, the team looks to further improve next season.

The women's squash team truly had a year for the books with a strong finish this season. The team upset neighboring universities including Georgetown 9-0. The team also beat tough competitors including Columbia 5-4 and Drexel 6-3. Early in the season, the team upset No. 7 Stanford with a killer 5-4 win, helping them to move up in the ranks. Although the team's season came to a tough end after falling to No. 1 Harvard at nationals, Squash has a great deal to be proud of this season, including having a record of 6-1 at home. Senior Alejandra Porras reflected on the season, stating:

"This season was a life changing experience. I feel like a stronger athlete, a wiser professional and a humbler person. These two years have been full of long nights and hard work. Pain comes and goes but the glory of winning the B's last season and making it into the A's this season will stay forever."

Overall, the men's team finished 9-8 in their regular season, and the women's team finished 9-7.



Mehak Chawla, Erica Chemtob, Lindsey Dewey, Breanne Flynn, Emely Levyn, Mary Jo Mahfood, Jessica Perkins, Alejandra Porras, Anna Gabriela Porras, Lakshmi Settipalli, Abby Shonrock, Eunice Tan



John Bassett, Ari Bental, Billy Berner, Reid Breck, Andres de Frutos, Harry Graham, Oisin Logan, Josh Marks, Omar Mussehl, James Reiss, Mason Ripka, Nicolas Valderrama

Year of Growth

Despite the numbers, the men's and women's swim and dive teams experienced a year of growth with both team and individual successes.

The men's and women's swim and dive teams had a memorable season this school year. The teams experienced many wins and losses alike, but posted some competitive numbers, both in and out of the pool. The team strove to push each other to improve their individual times as well as perform well in scholarly activities. Sophomore Liam Huffman noted that, "while our (team) numbers weren't impressive, our times and placings certainly were." Though their record may not have been perfect, the team faced extremely competitive teams. The team had a particularly impressive 86-72 win over Howard University during their regular season. Additionally, many individuals were recognized for outstanding performances. One of these accomplishments included a feat for Junior Madison

Reinker, who finished as the runner-up in the 1000-free (10:40.12) and 500-free (5:13.52) against rival George Mason. Reinker mentioned the team was "a big family" this season and also stated how it was "the first year for diving and it was a lot of fun watching the team grow". Reflecting on the team's performances, they truly show signs of growth from this season both as a group and as individuals.

Although the team fell to Atlantic 10 foe George Mason 166-99 on their senior night, the events of the evening proved to be memorable for the team.

At the end of the season, the men's and women's swim and dive team said goodbye to Janica Lee, Brittany Liedholm, Bianca Valencia, Morgan Zebley, Garrett Cottingham, Goran Koprivnjak, Joe Lipworth, and Adam Rabe.





Back Row: Phoebe Turner, Lauren Steagall, Maggie Hofstadter, Lauren Law, Emma Gaquin, Morgan Zebley, Kally Vanderbilt, Madison Reinker, Hannah Kopydlowski, Tatyana Smolyansky, Abigail Fusco, Mara Debnokoff.

Front Row: Brittany Liedholm, Hannah Schaefer, Janica Lee, Carly Whitmer, Bianca Valencia, Iman Lee, Paige Patrick, Hallie Friedman, Jessica Ryabin.



Back Row: Ben Fitch, Oliver Keegan, Bogdan Balteanu, Adam Rabe, Liam Huffman, Jarvus Pennington, Parker Boutwell, Clarke Index.

Front Row: Ryan O'Malley, Adam Drury, Anel Srivastava, Joe Lipworth, Garrett Cottingham, Gustav Hokfelt, Connor Hart, Goran Koprivnjak, Nick Smagula.



Another Year of Triumph

This season, the men's and women's tennis teams faced a number of challenges, but still proved themselves as strong contenders.

Both the men and women of GW tennis proved themselves this season after facing tough schedules and multiple injuries. For the men, the team achieved a number of wins this season including dominating teams such as #65 DePaul and #61 UNC Wilmington. On February 28th, the Colonials defeated DePaul 4-3 in a tight competition. In addition, dominating UNC Wilmington was a highlight for the men when they won 4-3 at the GW Tennis Center in early April. This achievement was particularly rewarding as the team was down 3-1 early on, but team members including junior Danil Zelenkov and sophomore Julius Tyerionas claiming victory at the No. 2 doubles position ultimately upset the nationally ranked team. The competition also marked the Colonials' outdoor home opener. The program looks to continue their success in 2015, as the team is still very young, as the team only has one graduating senior, Francisco Dias.

Like the men, the women's tennis team also had a great year. In the fall, GW women's tennis tandem of sophomore Grace Egger and freshman Teodora Radosavljevic advanced to the doubles quarterfinal round of the 2014 USTA/ITA Atlantic Regional Championship after winning three straight matches including knocking out a duo from No. 2 seed Maryland. Though the pair unfortunately fell to

the No. 6 seed Virginia Tech twosome, the program was very thrilled about this accomplishment. More highlights of their season included wins from their strong start early in the season. This included defeating Navy, Morgan State, and Towson. Junior Lana Robins reflected on the tough season stating, "We had more injuries and a much tougher schedule than in previous years, but I am really proud of how this team stepped up and accepted the challenge this season."



Assistant Coach Philippe Oudshoorn, Blake Morton, Cahit Kapukiran, Francisco Dias, Danil Zelenkov, Julius Tverijonas, Darian Hashemzadeh, Chris Fletcher, Christos Hadjigeorgiou, Jabari Stafford, Head Coach Greg Munoz, Associate Head Coach Torrie Browning.



Assistant Coach Dominika Kanakova, Kassy Koenig, Lana Robins, Marie-Louise Decamps, Teodora Radosavljevic, Egle Jakuciunaite, Grace Egger, Allison Hansen, Taylor Nederlander, Head Coach Greg Munoz, Associate Head Coach Torrie Browning.





Breaking Records

Team places second in Atlantic 10 conference.

The GW Volleyball team had many reasons to boast about their season this fall. Though posters covered the walls of practically every building on campus, students did not need to be reminded of the team's success. With an overall record of 22-8 this season and a home record of 11-3, the students, parents, and faculty that filled the bleachers for their games in the Smith Center were not disappointed. Not only did the team shutdown a number of competitive opponents, but they also dominated the DMV area by beating neighbor rivals such as George Mason University, Georgetown University, and American University. Junior and outside hitter, Maggie Skjeltbred commented, "We reached our first Atlantic 10 Championship match since 2002 and finished second in the A-10 with an 11-3 mark in the Conference." Not only did the team leave their mark on the conference, but they also celebrated posting their best season since 2000 and two players, sophomore Chidima Osuchukwu and senior Kelsey Newman, were named to the All-Conference first team. The team's success unfortunately ended as they fell 3-1 to No. 1 seed Dayton in the Atlantic 10 Championship. With a bittersweet ending, three players were honorably selected for the All-Championship team after the end of the A-10 tournament. The team undoubtedly looks forward to continuing their success in the future.

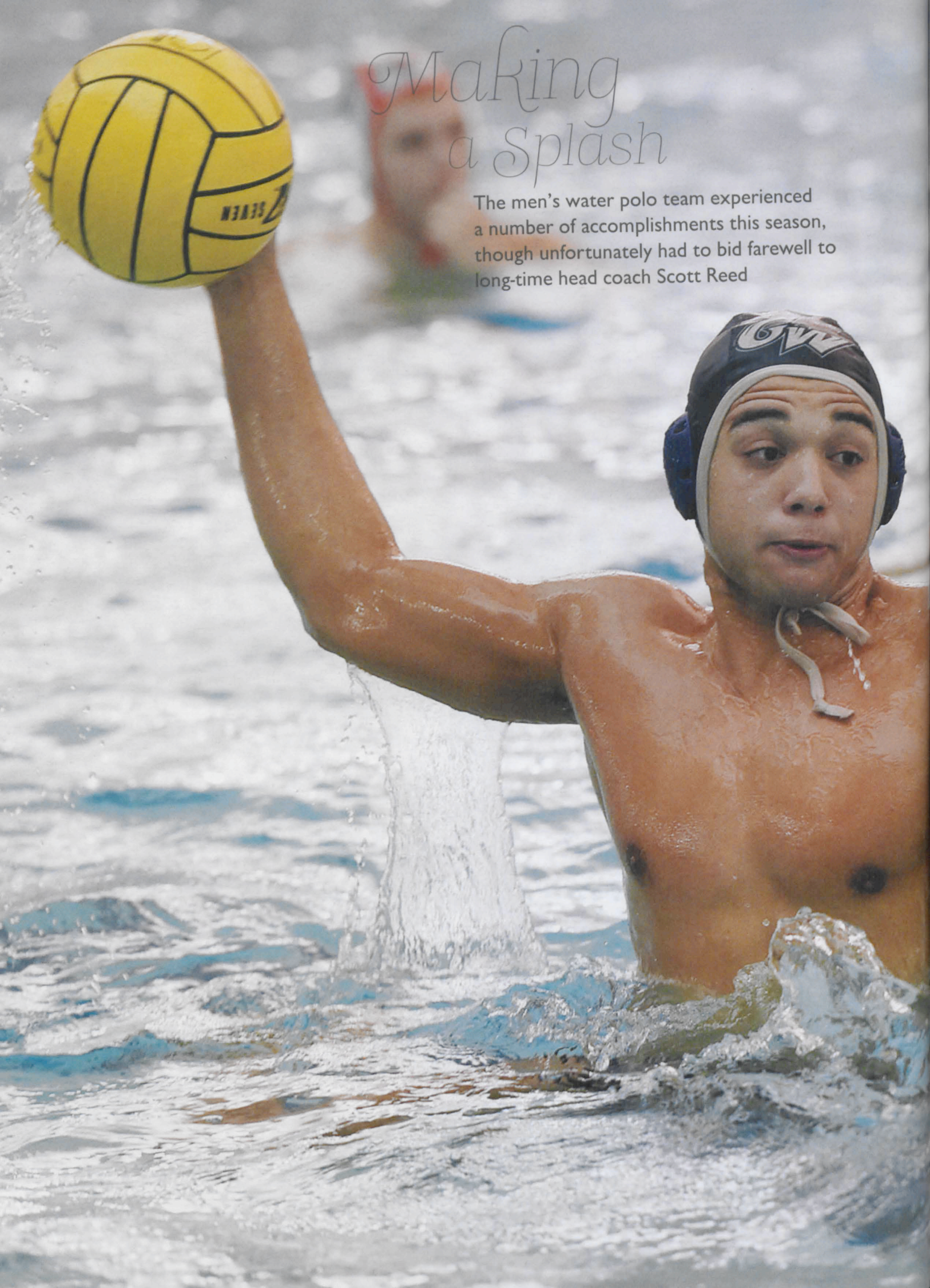
GW Volleyball bids farewell to seniors Landon Garvik and Kelsey Newman, who contributed enormously to the team's success.



Jessy Ober, Natalie Leger, Emily Newell, Aaliya Davidson, Loren Williams, Chidima Osuchukwu, Landon Garvik, Kelsey Newman, Maggie Skjeltbred, Emily Clemens, Jordan Timmer, Maddy Doyle, Christina Porada

Making a Splash

The men's water polo team experienced a number of accomplishments this season, though unfortunately had to bid farewell to long-time head coach Scott Reed





This season, the men's water polo team, which consisted of 18 men, had a strong start to their season. Within their first 7 games, the team secured a record of 6-1, which included defeating No. 12 St. Francis 19-18 in overtime. Though the team suffered some tough losses throughout the season, they experienced a myriad of successes both as a team and as individuals. A highlight of their season included the achievements of junior Bogdan Petkovic who is the first ever colonial to garner three All-American accolades, as he was selected to the CWPA Championship All-Tournament Second Team. He also finished the season with team highs of 63 goals, 106 points, 83 steals, and 24 field blocks.

The team's season came to an unfortunately tough end when GW fell to No. 18 Harvard, 14-13. Overall, the team finished with a record of 13-15. Graduating senior and center, Ridvan Pehlivan, reflected on the season:

Although we did not have the best finish to the season, I am very glad to have been a part of the program for four years, as I had so many great memories with my brothers.

Towards the end of the season, head water polo coach Scott Reed announced that he would not be returning to the program. GW appreciates Reed's service to the program; he served GW Athletics since 1999. Reed led the men's water polo team to two winning seasons, including the program's most ever wins under Reed in 2013. He was also named CWPA Southern Division Women's Coach of the Year in 2003 when the Colonial women won a program-record 18 games as well as earning the same honor for the men in 2007.

In addition to bidding farewell to head coach Scott Reed, the men's water polo program also said goodbye to the following seniors this year: Ridvan Pehlivan, Rafi Castillo, Matthew Williams, Brian Mojica, and Adam Wrobel.



Front row: Dennis Gut, Connor Dillon, Adam Wrobel, Brian Mojica, Matthew Williams, Rafi Castillo, Alex Swart.
Back row: Duke Becker, Joe Behun, Ridvan Pehlivan, Alec Sedlacheck, Bogdan Petkovic, Quentin Montgomery, Sander Profaci, Jonah Dowd, Pierce Deamer, Ryan Michalko, Noah McKinnie Braun.

Splashing with Success

The fifteen women of GW women's water polo played a tough schedule this season but the youth and chemistry of the team shined through.



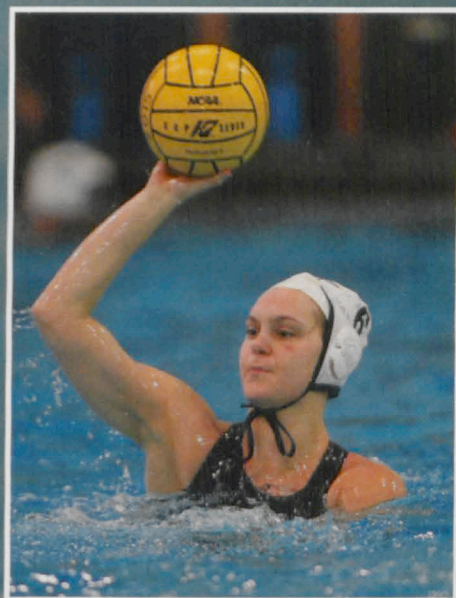
Women's water polo finished with a regular season record of 12-14. Despite not having a winning season in numbers, a few of the Colonials racked up some impressive awards as the team challenged many of their contestants. The team began their season with a couple of wins, including defeating Notre Dame (OH) 19-9 and Siena 18-13. The team also went on to

chalk up victories against other teams including Occidental and St. Francis. The team also had a few challenging games in overtime, consisting a contest against Brown where the Colonials unfortunately fell 10-9 after a hard match.

Individual successes of the team were highlighted by many successes of the team's youth. This year, women's water polo welcomed six freshmen who garnered a program-record of four Top Rookie Awards in a single season. This

included freshman Jacqueline Bywater, who was named CPWA Division I/II Player and Rookie of the Week two times, becoming the first Colonial to ever be named both Player and Rookie of the Week twice in the same season.

This season the GW women's water polo program will bid farewell to three seniors: Jessie Sinkula, Chandler Vilander, and Mikaela Pynch.



Front row: Maddy Johnson, Allyson Bakos, Jessie Sinkula, Brennan Marczewski, Megan Belliveau, Maddie Goodell, Jacqueline Bywater.
Back row: Hannah Cox, Addy Colona, Scarlett Hallahan, Chandler Vilander, Maggie Ball, Erin McGeoy, Caroline Sandri.

A Year To Remember

This year, GW celebrated track's inaugural season. The men and women of the cross country and track teams performed incredibly well this year by exceeding the program's expectations.

The 17 women and 16 men of GW's cross country and track teams scored exceptionally well this season. During the fall, the women's team finished 10th overall in the A-10 championship on November 1st with a score of 254 points. Sophomore Macaulay Porter finished 15th overall out of 126 competitors by completing the 5,000-meter course in 18:16.30 also earning her all-conference honors. The women's team to beat competitors such as Fordham (272), St. Bonaventure (287), St. Joseph's (321), and VCU (352). This was the second time in three years that the team has secured 10th place at the championship.

The men's cross country team also had a lot to be proud of this season. The team improved their standings for the third consecutive season in a row by finishing 18th out of 23 teams at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic regional. In addition, the men finished 11th in the Atlantic 10 Championship with a total of 340 points. The team was lead by junior Ryan Tucker who finished in 32nd place out of 126 competitors.

With the track team's first year competing, the program celebrated their first-ever indoor track championship event on February 19th with 6 men and 4 women competing. A highlight of the events included graduate student Hannah Rowe becoming GW's first-ever All-Conference performer for indoor track with a 6th place finish out of 29 competitors in the 5,000-meter run. Junior Robert Craven stated that "competing in George Washington's first track season since the 1920s has been something my teammates and I have found to be incredibly rewarding. I am very excited for the programs future. With the support of the athletic department and university, there is much to look forward to as the track team continues to grow."

This year, the men's and women's cross country and track teams say goodbye to graduating seniors Aubrey Gunnels, Erica Halvorson, Kathryn Luker, John-Louis Pane, and Tyler Gillies.

Senior Aubrey Gunnels reflected on the season and her four years in the program by saying, "It was an honor being a part of an exciting historic time for the team. We have had three girls place all conference in cross country and track this year, more than we've ever had in the history of the program. Watching the program since freshmen year has been the best part of these 4 years. I've seen the team double and watched the younger girls flourish here."



Katie Bishop, Caroline Coulter, Miranda DiBiasio, Colleen Fitzgerald, Malone Gabor, Aubrey Gunnels, Erica Halvorson, Kathryn Luker, Liberty Mason-Sharma, Ariana North, Kirsten Nottingham, Macaulay Porter, Hannah Rowe, Lauren t'Kint de Roodenbeke, Caroline Wolfe, Anna Zaccaria, Kirsten Zeller



Kyle Ames, Charles Arnold, Rob Craven, Carter Day, Ryan DePinto, Luke Dúblirer, Noah Duell, Tyler Gillies, Jack McCabe, John-Louis Pane, Jordan Pantalone, Seamus Roddy, Chris Shaffer, Trevor Sye, Ryan Tucker, Joseph Verghese

A Successful and Spirited Year

Member of the Class of 2016, Jon Hering, served as the assistant outreach director for the Colonial Army and reflected on the many successes of the organization in fostering school spirit.

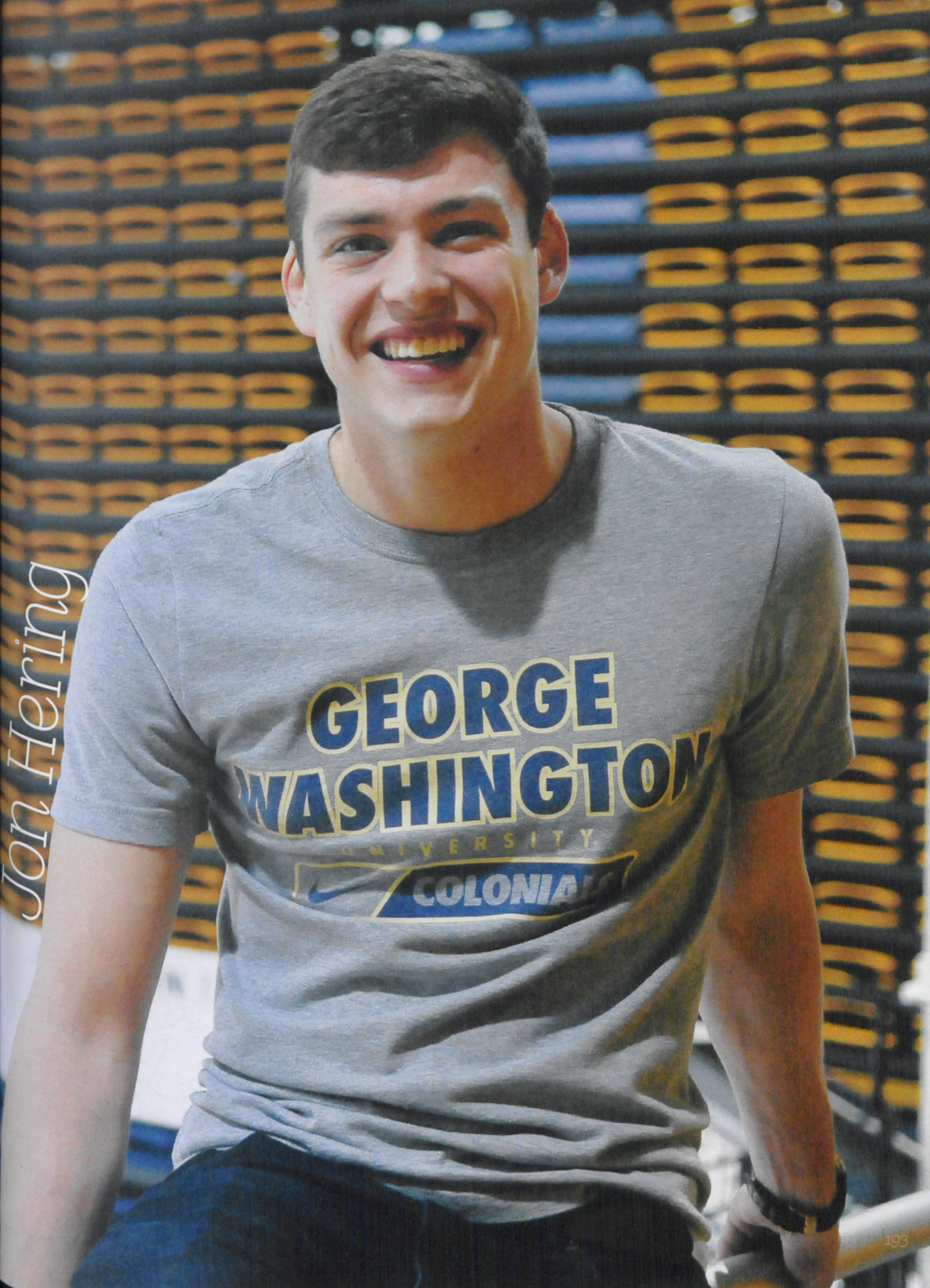
Junior Jon Hering, a 3-year member of the Colonial Army, truly embodies true GW school spirit. A New Hope, Pennsylvania native, Jon knew before even coming to college that he wanted to be involved in the spirited atmosphere at GW. Jon accredits his interest in school spirit and the Colonial Army to his love of athletics, as he played three sports in high school. First discovering the Colonial Army while at Colonial Inauguration during the summer prior to his freshman year, Jon was immediately drawn to the group. Since signing up, he has since been a key role in the Colonial Army and in fostering school spirit as a whole.

After his freshman year, Jon wanted to become more involved in the Colonial Army so he joined the executive board his sophomore year and served as assistant outreach director for the 2014-2015 school year. His favorite memories include the men's basketball team's success during their 2013-2014 season where the team made it to the NCAA playoffs, but unfortunately fell to Memphis early on in the competition. An interesting story Jon likes to share with individuals about this experience includes a funny incident in which a photograph of Jon was posted on the homepage of Yahoo! for a number of hours after the GW men's NCAA playoff loss. He also enjoyed the traveling that season and being exposed to a number of events and alumni gatherings.

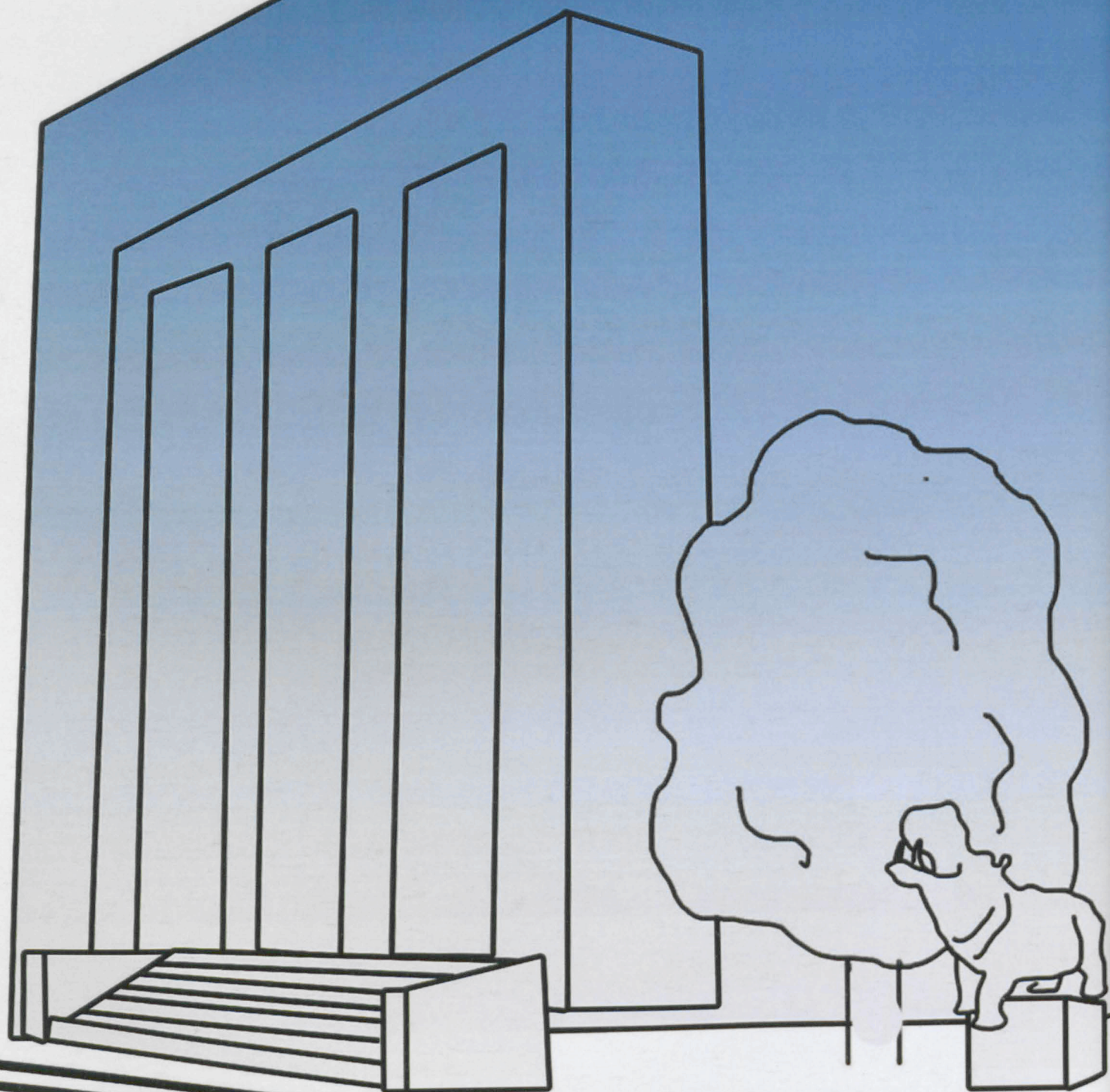
From his service on the executive board, Jon says that he has gained the ability to be shameless, adding that he has had "a lot of shameless moments where I have laughed at myself". In addition, he says he has gained motivational skills, as he is proudly one of the loudest members of the Colonial Army. Next year, Jon will continue to serve as assistant outreach director and hopes to lead the Colonial Army to another successful year. He plans on continuing to get people excited about the Colonial Army and GW athletics and wants to see membership continue to increase as well. Ultimately, Jon aspires for the Colonial Army to be as spirited and well known as other schools' spirit groups such as Arizona State's ZonaZoo.

The Colonial Army is special to Jon as it serves as his niche here at GW. He reflected on this idea saying, "After I came back from being abroad, I attended my first game of the 2014-2015 season and turned to Ian (co-president of the Colonial Army) and said, 'this is home'". Jon plans on graduating with a BBA in marketing and a minor in theatre but will always aspire to #raisehigh by continuing to share his passion for the Colonial Army and GW athletics for the rest of his life.

Jon Hering



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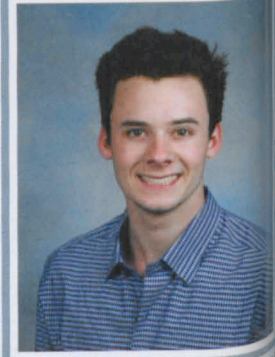
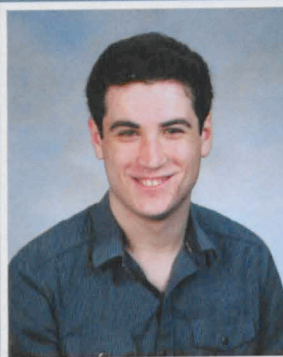


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John Behun
Charles Christonikos
Alexis Clark



Anna Coughlan
Casey Decker
Ashton Delano
Braden Domier



William Ettingoff
Michael Feigenbaum
Samantha Fischer
James Fischl



Giovanna Franchi Souza
Michael Gasparonic
Polly Gregory
Melissa Gustafson





Travis Hahn
Farah Hussaini
Tiffany Ismael
Rachel Jewell



Yao Ji
Ari Krasner
Dean Magat
Julia Manning



Omar Mousa
Jessica Ober
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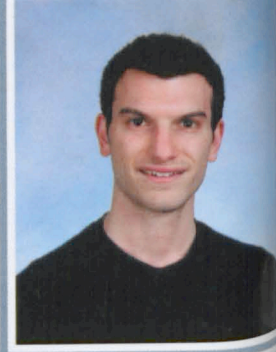
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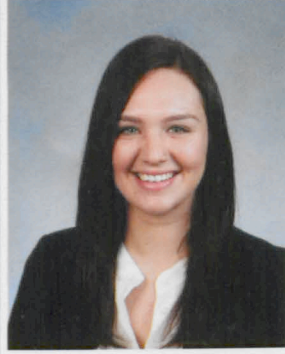
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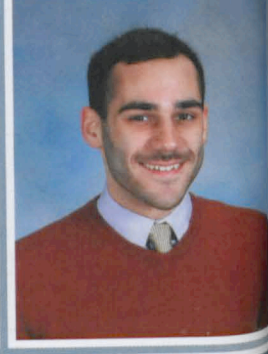
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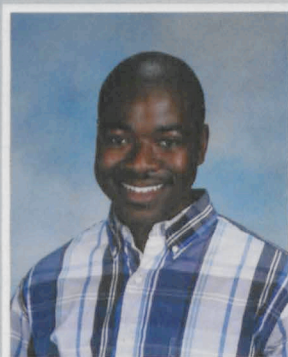
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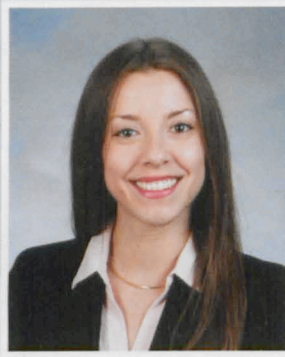




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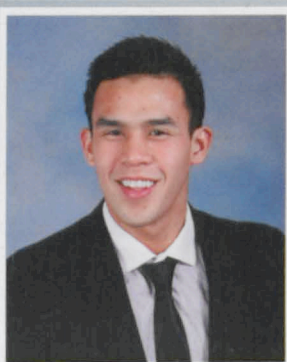
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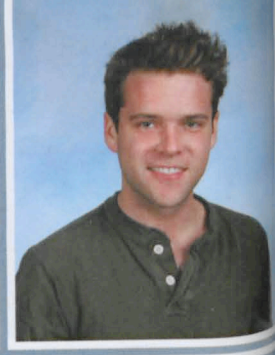
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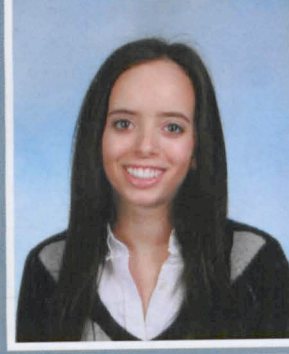


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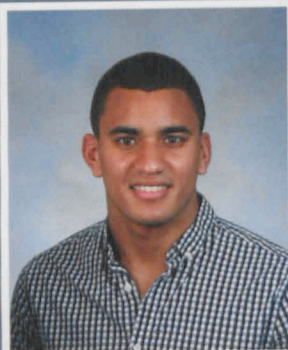
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—Apple CEO Tim Cook

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Nelson Congratulations! You have reached a major goal in your life and you have opened the doors to new goals and endeavors. We are proud of you! With much love, Mom, Papi and Lucas



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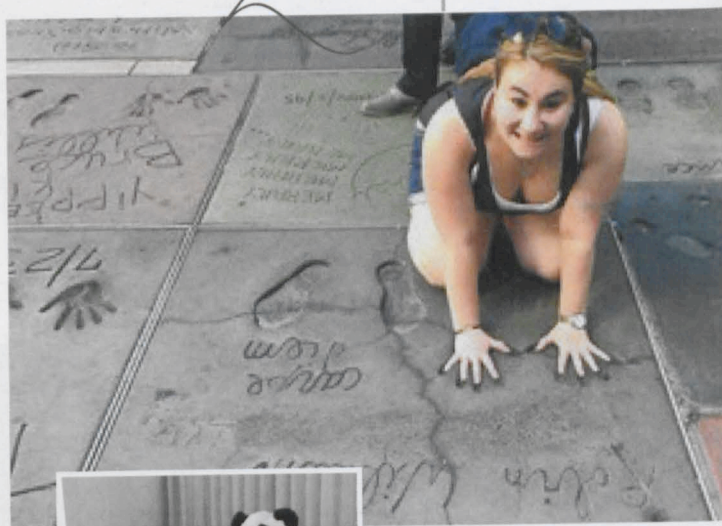
Dear Meghan,

It is hard to believe that you are graduating from college. It seems like just yesterday you were snuggled in our arms with Dino and Bunny. Since you were very little you have always known what you wanted and persevered until you achieved your goal. All of your hard work and determination has helped you to succeed in life and blossom into a confident young woman. Just remember as you reach for your dreams, never forget to live in the moment and enjoy each day. We are so proud of you and love you very much! Love Mom and Dad

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." -Henry David Thoreau



Zoe Lipner



DEAR ZOE,

"OH THE PLACES YOU WILL GO..." FROM LONG ISLAND TO KOKOMO. DREAMS COME TRUE...AND NOW A POLI COM BA FOR YOU! FROM YOUR MOM [GWU CLASS OF 1976] TO THE CLASS OF 2015... RAISE HIGH! LOVE, MOM, DAD, BUCKLEY, LEXIE AND WOLFY

Douglas Harnett-Robinson



In what seems like a blink of an eye, you have gone from an active pre-schooler with Matchbox cars stuffed in your pockets to the person you are today - a strong, intelligent, compassionate, funny, talented, hardworking young man. We are so incredibly proud to be your family and see the brightest future for you.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Danya, Grandmother and PopPop

Grant Brown



Grant,

We were so proud when you earned your way into GW and now we are delighted seeing you realize your dreams. Congratulations on your well-earned degree!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Eric Osman

Eric,

Congratulations on a well earned accomplishment. We are very proud of you. You have taken another important step forward, it has been a wonderful exciting journey so far, and we look forward to your next endeavor.

"Don't aim for success if you want it, just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally." David Frost.
Love Mom, Dad and Zach.

Jennifer & Family Wilson

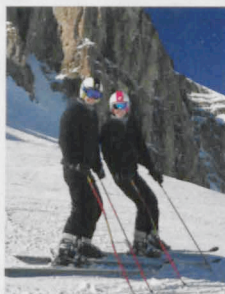


Dear Emily and Jennifer,

Wow – we cannot believe how four years have flown by! We could not be prouder of both of you and all that you have accomplished, and are so excited for the years ahead. On to the next, wonderful chapter!

All our love,

Mom, Dad, Whiskers and Clover (always)



Haley Bowman



Haley,

How incredibly fortunate I am to have such a spectacular daughter as you! Thank you for all the grey hair you have given me but most importantly, thank you for all the proud moments we have shared. I know a wonderful life lies ahead for you and I will always be your greatest cheerleader. Success and happiness are awaiting you. Your journey continues with all my love and support behind you. You are loved so very much,
DAD

Genevieve Lipinsky de Orlov

"I want to cultivate the seed that was placed in me until the last small twig has grown."
– Käthe Kollwitz

Congratulations – Mom, Dad, Katrina ... and Ronan!



Dear Morgan,

We have watched you grow from childhood to adulthood. You are truly an amazing young lady. There is nothing that you cannot accomplish once you set your mind to it. You always fight for what is right. We are proud of you and your accomplishments. May God continue to bless you.

Love Mom & Dad



Morgan Murtaugh

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Brandon Metzger



Dear Brandon,

From your earliest years, you've been blessed with many wonderful gifts. Among them are your sense of humor, imagination, intelligence and perseverance. Over the past 22 years these attributes have continued to flourish. You've grown into a young man of character and integrity ready to meet life's new and exciting challenges. There's little doubt that moving forward your success will shift from linear to exponential. By using your gifts and developing new strengths, you will chart your own course to the life for which you are destined. As you do, always remember that no son has ever been more loved, or made his parents more proud than you.

Congratulations on your graduation.

Love,

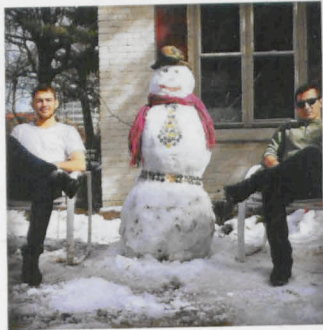
Mom, Dad & Nikki



Leo Parsons

CONGRATULATIONS LEO!

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF
YOU AND THE WAY YOU
CONTINUE TO BE TRUE TO
YOURSELF!
DE COLORES!
WE LOVE YOU!
DAD, MOM
MARK, MEG
MATT, MEGAN, REAGAN
AND BLAKELY"





Kristina LeBlanc



Dearest Kristina,

Congratulations on such a wonderful accomplishment! We are so proud of your commitment and the effort you put into your classes over the past four years. You have learned many things and gained tremendous knowledge that will benefit you forever. Your experiences in Washington, DC and studying abroad in Spain are amazing memories that you will always treasure. We are so glad you had these opportunities.

As you graduate, we wish you the best that life can offer and hope you enjoy your next set of adventures as much as you have your time at GW.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Dear Diana,

Congratulations on this wonderful accomplishment! A graduate of George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs! We are so very happy for you and proud of you. You are such a beautiful, inspiring and gifted spark of light. We are fortunate to have you in our lives. You brighten our days and our thoughts. You have always been a dedicated, caring and balanced person. Watching you grow before our eyes will always be the highlight of our lives.

As you embark on the next chapter of your life, please know that we will always be there supporting you, in awe of you and here for you, no matter the circumstances. You are our gift from God and we love how your life is developing. Your growth is our growth. Your learning is our learning. Your love is our love.

We will love you always and forever. Love, Mom, Dad and Joseph



Diana Marinaccio

Alexis Chen



Congratulations Alexis!

"Each one of us has the ability to lead a dynamic life by pursuing our unique goals and dreams. There are no limits to what you can accomplish when you know who you are and have faith in what you can do." (Stedman Graham)

With great pride and love, Daddy and Mother

Nicolás Pedreira



Nicolás,

We are so proud of your accomplishments and the inspiring young man you have become. We wish you the best in the future adventures ahead of you!

We love you,

Dad, Mom, Martín, Sebastián, and Maria Eugenia

Taylor Katz



"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood...."
—Theodore Roosevelt

Tay-

It doesn't matter where life takes you, we will always be your #1 fans - Thanks for letting us tag along and be a part of it...

Love,

Mom, Dad, Hayley, Mike and Gino



Dear Sara,

How proud we are of you and all you have accomplished these past four years! You are a beautiful person, a young woman with all that life has to offer at your fingertips. Always look forward, take hold of your dreams ... don't ever let them go. You will forever have our love and support in all your endeavors. And most of all Sara, don't ever let them tell you how to dance, dance how you want to dance....

All our love,
Mom & Dad



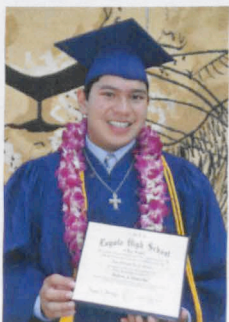
Sara Barrack

Allan Richmond Razon Morales



Sweetie,

Praise be to God on another milestone in your life! We did not know what true love meant until you came into our lives. We fell in love with you, the first time we both laid our eyes and held you in our arms. We knew then, you would change our lives forever. You are a living testament of God's endless and boundless grace and mercy to us. Your sheer love and joy inspire us not only to be the best parents but also to be good servants of our Lord, Almighty Jesus Christ. Your humility and graciousness emanate in every gentle words and sacrificial deeds you convey to us and every people around you. You encourage us to hope and dream for a better future no matter how chaotic the world we live in. You are an achiever who always aspire to do your best even in the midst of hopelessness. A dreamer who faces challenges passionately regardless of the consequences. A giver who constantly put anyone's well-being above yourself. Most importantly, you are a lover of peace, an advocate of justice, a seeker of truth, and a believer of tolerance for all humanity. On this joyous occasion, let us be the first one to greet you, **CONGRATULATIONS!!!** ARICH, we love you very much, Always and Forever, Mom and Dad



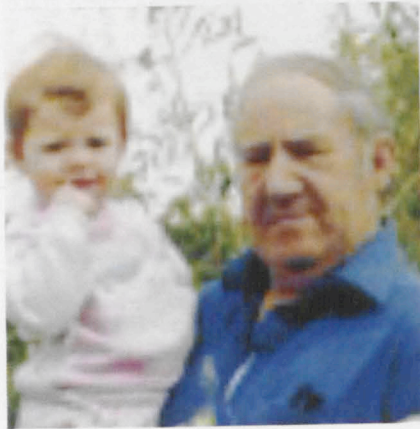
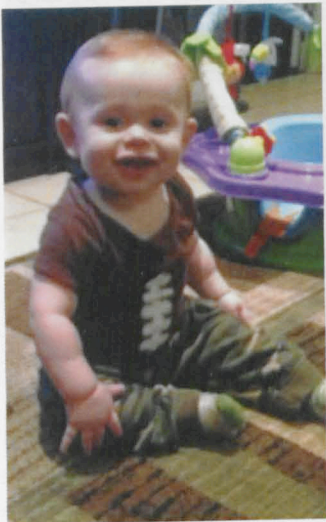
Samantha Dos Santos

Dear Samantha,

We are all so proud of you Sammi, you are a great sister, daughter and grand-daughter, smart and beautiful!

We love you and support your journey to be a Judge!

Avo, Ovo, Papa, Grandpa Jeanne, Grandma Jim, Granny B, Aunt Cis, Tio, Aunt Julie, Uncle Rick, Aunt Colleen, Uncle Scott, Uncle Tim, Aunt Charity, Aunt Jill, Clayton, Austin, Timothy, Ross, Nicole, Tia Maria, Melissa, Mom, Marko, Dad, Shannon, Lala, Kelly, Eric & Jackson!



Monica Gibilisco



Dear Monica,

Your family loves you dearly. Looking at the young women you have become, you fill our hearts with love and joy. You have developed many valuable gifts such as compassion, leadership, diligence, wisdom and grace. May all your endeavors be successful and all your dreams come true. We know that you will thrive and you will continue to strengthen and bloom, as you continue your beautiful journey. May God bless you and keep you happy and healthy, as you go out into the world and strive to make a difference. Always hold your head high and embrace, and enjoy your journey. We are extremely proud of you. Remember we will be always there for you. Love you forever,
Mom, Dad and Jessica



Emma Chapman



My Amazing Daughter—

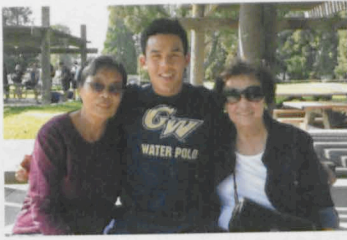
May you always know the exhilaration of discovering new places! Live big. Live small. Take chances. Be kind. And remember, your inner voice is the wisest of all. With great pride and huge love,
Mom

Sophia Lin

Dear Sophia,

Congrats on your graduation! you have achieved this with your hard work and your boundless passion. You have made our family proud, and we believe you will continue to do so in the next chapter of your life. All the best for your bright future! Love, Mom, Dad, and Janice



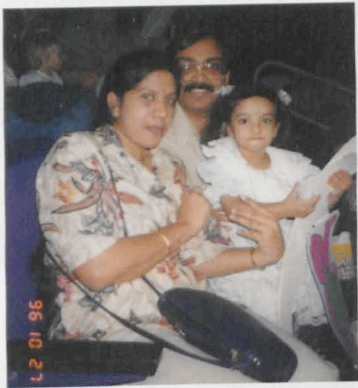
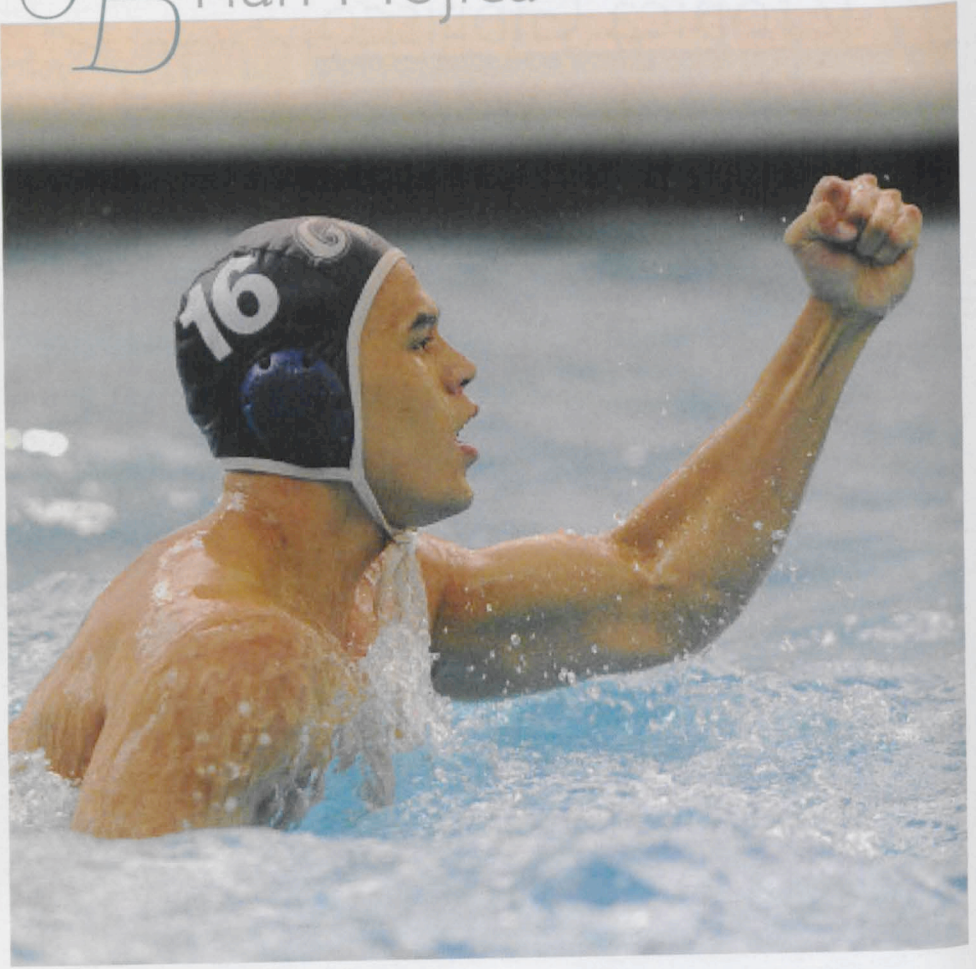


Brian Mojica



Congratulations Brian!

We are so proud of you! We know the journey through college hasn't been easy, but you've accomplished so much, and done so with an unwavering determination. Academically, you've earned a spot on the Dean's list almost every semester, and even become a Colonial Ambassador. Athletically, you have played four years of Division I collegiate water polo and became a co-captain in your senior year, who now holds the school water polo assists record. Every step you've taken tells us you are ready to take on life after college, and we are blessed to have watched you grow from our little middle baby, to a full fledged adult. Good luck in all that you do in the future Brian. We love you so much!



Dear Shobhaloo,

As your parents we are so proud of your accomplishments. Best wishes for your great success in completing your medical school and we wish you best future for your happiness and joy.



Shobha Jagannatham

Raynell Cooper



Congratulations Raynell!

During your time at GW you have found new and exciting ways to shine! You have used your love of maps and travel, combined with your positive attitude and team spirit to take you to new heights.

We are very proud of you and know you will be outstanding in everything you do! Keep traveling the world and dream big!

Love, Mom and Dad



Geography Team Captain and MVP,
Quizbowl Player,
Sports Broadcaster,
Radio DJ, and
Campus Tour Guide



Dylan,

We are so happy to celebrate your graduation from George Washington University and your undergraduate degree in Pharmacogenomics! You worked hard and made your entire family very proud. You showed dedication, drive and initiative throughout your four years of study while achieving your academic objectives. These traits will serve you well as you continue your studies to obtain your Doctorate of Pharmacy degree. We are so very proud of you and your accomplishments!

Love,
Mom and Dad.

Dylan Looney

Alex,

We are so proud of the man you have become.

As you close out this chapter in your life and move on to the next, remember the words of Abraham Lincoln:

"Every man is said to have his peculiar ambition. Whether it be true or not, I can say for one that I have no other so great as that of being truly esteemed of my fellow men, by rendering myself worthy of their esteem. How far I shall succeed in gratifying this ambition, is yet to be developed."

Love,
Mom, Dad & Nick



Alex Pollock

Marie & Laney Fazio



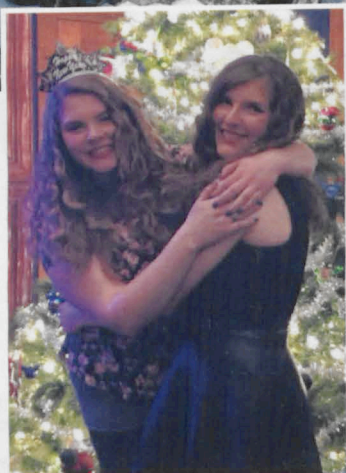
Marie and Laney,

Yet another mile stone you have reached with hard work and your own sense of style and grace. You have changed the world with your passion and never let the world change who you are. We have watched you grow into confident, lovely young ladies and can't wait to see your next adventure. You have filled our lives with love and light and, always, humor. You make us proud as always. Now you will take that leap to the rest of your life. We know you will make good decisions and a few mistakes. That is life. Just keep your faith. Every experience is a life lesson. We love you more than we can say.

xoxo

P.S. Call and visit. We need your smiles!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Grandma



Dearest Nicole,

You dreamt, you believed, you strived and you achieved. A big congratulations to our summa cum laude graduate! Your hard work has won you great success. Well Done! We couldn't be any prouder and are forever grateful to be your parents. We love you with every bit of our being. Never lose Faith in God and may He continue to Bless you always. Go forth and be glad in it!
Love always, Mom and Dad

Dear Colie,

Congratulations, great job!! You have been such a positive role model for me. Love always, Dana



Nicole DiSarno

Kaleab Brook



Yep Kali, You did it! All along, you had a plan, you knew what you wanted to accomplish and worked hard toward achieving it. You should be very proud of yourself! Pat yourself on the back... and of course, we are elated parents with pride and happiness.

This is just the beginning for you, Dream big, work hard and you will be there. As you are well aware, by now, life's journey is rugged and with lots of up and downs. But you'll learn on your way and reach your destination. That's what counts.

Now Limit your all-nighters and get enough sleep.

Enjoy your accomplishments, you deserve it! Finally, remember, strive for progress.... not perfection!

With lots of love,
Yaya & Ababi

Congratulations Class of 2015!

The Division of Student Affairs thanks its student staff members for all their contributions to our success during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Congratulations & Best Wishes

To the following student staff members graduating in May 2015.

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